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The Cup of surprises



Thousands of balloons are launched at the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona during the gala opening of the World Cup, before the first game in which Belgium beat Argentina 1-0.



Brazil, one of the World Cup favorites, from left, standing: Waldir Peres, Edevaldo, Luizinho, Edinho, Toninho Cerezo, Junior. Front: Paulo Isidoro, Socrates, Reinaldo, Zico Eder.

MacDougall wants to stay

Ted MacDougall (pictured), the former Scottish international striker, was having talks with South Melbourne Hellas about joining the club for two years as we went to press.

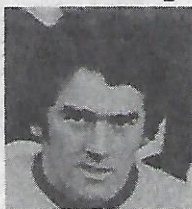
However, MacDougall was also to negotiate with West Adelaide Hellas, APIA-Leichhardt and Marconi.

Former Frankston City (Vic) coach John Pryde is helping MacDougall in his bid to find a club here.

MacDougall, 33, has been trialling with Athena in Perth, along with Alan Ball of Southampton, but wants to stay on and play in the PSL.

He holds the English FA Cup record of nine goals in one match while playing for Bournemouth.

He also has served Manchester United, West Ham, Norwich, Southampton and his most recent club, Blackpool.



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With reigning champion Argentina beaten in its first game, the eyes of the world turn to West Germany, England, Spain and Yugoslavia which start their World Cup campaign tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday.

And by the weekend, we should know how this World Cup will shape up.

West Germany starts its challenge against Algeria at Gijon, and the striking power of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and whoever partners him — Allofs, Fischer, Hrubsch, Litbarski — should give the Germans a clear lead in Group Two.

Spain, similarly, should have little trouble against Honduras in Valencia, but both England and Yugoslavia face stubborn resistance.

With Platini, Rocheteau and six in sizzling form, France has as much chance as England of winning their match at Bilbao, whereas Northern Ireland is likely to adopt a stubborn defensive stance against Yugoslavia's brilliant forwards Vujovic, Sestie and Halilodovic.

But whatever happens in the next few days, Belgium showed in the opening match, a 1-0 victory over Argentina, that this well could be the World Cup of surprises.

By the time the first round ends on June 26, Australian time, we may see some of the giants of world soccer eliminated, and some of the comparative minnows advancing to the second round.

The nations with the best chance of causing upsets would appear to be Peru (Group One), Chile (Group Two), Kuwait (Group Four), and, yes, New Zealand (Group Six).

Richard Wilson misses out!

New Zealand named the team for its opening World Cup match against Scotland in Malaga today (Wednesday) — and there was no place for Preston-Makedonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson, who played in all 15 qualifying games.

Team spokesman Roger Mahan said Frank van Hattum had been chosen ahead of Wilson (pictured) on merit. "It's simply that van Hattum's playing better," he said.

Midfielder Grant Turner, suffering from an ankle injury, was the only player not available for selection for the



Group Six match. Brazil and the Soviet Union complete the group.

Mahan described the New Zealanders as "determined and looking good."

New Zealand played more qualifying games than any other country in the history of the World Cup to reach Spain. Its results included a 13-0 win over Fiji, also a record.

Team: Frank van Hattum, Bobby Almond, Sam Malcolmson, John Hill, Adrian Elrick, Keith Mackay, Allan Both,

Steve Sumner, Ken Cresswell, Wynton Rufer, Steve Wooddin.

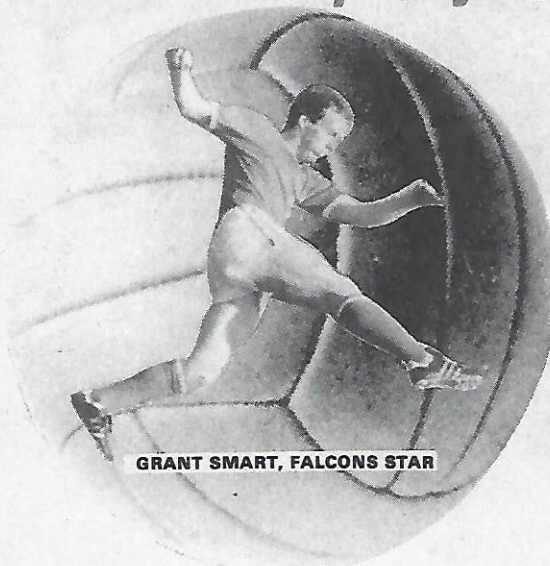
Scotland manager Jock Stein gave Kenny Dalglish and Alan Brazil the twin strikers role when he named his side.

Stein, who is looking for mobility and change of pace against the Kiwi side he rates competent but slow in defence, preferred the balding Ipswich Town attacker to the more physical Joe Jordan.

The Scotland manager hinted, however, that Jordan, now with AC Milan of Italy and playing in his third World Cup finals, could come on for part of the game.

Scotland: Alan Rough (Partick Thistle), Danny McGrain (Celtic), Allan Hansen (Liverpool), Allan Evans (Aston Villa), Frank Gray (Leeds United), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen), John Wark (Ipswich), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Alan Brazil (Ipswich), John Robertson (Nottingham Forest).

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Belgian goal offside: Menotti



Diego Maradona, shadowed by Zbigniew Boniek. More was expected from Maradona.

BELGIUM 1 (Vanderbergh 62nd) ARGENTINA 0, Nou Camp Stadium, Crowd 95,000, referee Vojtechovskiy 9.

ARGENTINA: Filioi 7, Olguin 7, Passarella 8, Tarantini 6, Ardiles 9, Gallego 6, Maradona 7, Bertoni 7, Diaz 5, (sub: Valdano 62 mins), Kempes 7.

BELGIUM: Pfaff 9, Goris 9, Milicamps 7, de Schrijver 6, Baeyens 7, Coeck 7, Vercauteren 8, Vandorenissen 8, Czerniatynski 6, Vandenberg 8, Ceulemans 8.

Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti claimed Belgium's winning goal in the opening match of the World Cup tournament was offside.

"Belgium did not play better than us and its goal looked offside to me," he said.

"I thought we were in control after the first 10 minutes but the players did not continue as I had expected," Menotti added.

"Perhaps they were overcome by nerves because you only saw the real Argentina after the Belgian goal and we did not deserve to lose."

Belgian manager Guy Thys said Belgium had shown that man-to-man marking was not necessary to quell Diego Maradona.

"You just have to play as a team and intelligently," he said. No one player was allotted to mark the Argentine super star. Instead defenders picked him up as he came into their part of the pitch.

"We can't celebrate yet but have made a great start," Thys said. "And I was especially pleased by the good spirit in which the match was played."

Argentina had hoped to recapture the euphoria of its 1978 victory in Buenos Aires but its



Argentina's Mario Kempes leaves Belgian defender Milicamps down and out. In the background are Vercauteren and Ardiles.

62nd minute goal by elegant Belgian striker Erwin Vandenberg put paid to that.

To stay in contention, Argentina must do well in its second game against Hungary on Friday before facing El Salvador in the last group three game.

Its defeat will do no harm at all to the morale of Brazil, hot favourite in the 24-team tournament.

Before the tournament began many fans expected Argentina's midfielder Maradona to emerge as the star of the show.

But the curly-headed youngster seldom lived up to his billing as the world's greatest player in what generally was a subdued performance, and the stage is set for Brazilian trio

Zico, Socrates and Junior to steal his thunder.

Belgium's goal stung the champions into life in the opening match but a solid defence in which Eric Gerets and Luc Milicamps were outstanding, absorbed the pressure.

The Belgians might have increased their lead 14 minutes later when Vandenberg just

failed to connect with a left-foot cross from Alex Czerniatynski.

Argentina came closest to levelling the score when Maradona rapped a curling free kick against the underside of the bar after 75 minutes.

Another chance fell six minutes later to substitute Jose Valdano, brought on for the ineffective Ramon Diaz,

but his header hit teammate Mario Kempes with Belgian keeper Pfaff looking beaten.

Until the goal, the match, played in the magnificent Nou Camp stadium in front of a near capacity crowd, seemed headed for a disappointing draw.

The champions had begun brightly but after Belgium pulled striker Ceulemans into midfield their initiative was blunted.

The best chances of the first half fell instead to the Belgians when twice within a minute they came close to beating Filioi in the Argentine goal.

Thys hinted before the match that he would have been happy with a draw. But when he recognised the fallibility of the hesitant Argentines, he must have known a more ambitious result was within his grasp.

The Belgians' initial caution was partly due to the fact that they were without defender Meeuws, serving a one-match suspension, and their veteran midfielder Wilfried van Moer, who stepped down because of wretched form in recent games.

Maurice de Schrijver, standing in for Meeuws, and Guy Vandermissem, Van Moer's replacement, could hardly have responded better to Thys's call.

J.U.S.T.'s president appeals to Yugoslavs

Footscray J.U.S.T. president Milan Brkic this week appealed to the Yugoslav community to help J.U.S.T. build a social club and grandstand at Schintler Reserve.

Brkic and his committee want to form a co-operative comprising at least 100 members who each would contribute a certain amount of money.

A properly-constituted co-operative would be guaranteed by the State Government and so be able to get a substantial bank loan to finance building work.

J.U.S.T. also will see cash grants from the Melbourne Council, Footscray Council and Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

Schintler Reserve is just within the boundaries of the City of Melbourne, but of course the club carries the name Footscray.

Brkic said architect's

plans were ready for Town Planning approval and a club sponsor already had donated 50,000 bricks.

"We'll use our own labor, so we expect the project to cost probably \$250,000," Brkic said.

J.U.S.T. has a 35-year lease of the reserve.

It hopes to start building before the end of the season.

MAKEDONIA FOUR FOR SALE

Preston Makedonia transfer listed four players last week, boasting by one the number of players put up for sale at Heidelberg Alexander a few days earlier.

Makedonia listed winger Rob Cullen at \$12,000, midfielder Peter Boyle at \$7000 and full-backs Steve Beech and Mike Rainey at \$500 each. Heidelberg had transfer listed former Soccer midfielder and captain Jimmy Rooney

at \$7000, Kenny Taylor at \$10,000 and winger Andy Borikas at \$7500.

Cullen, Beech and Rainey were members of Makedonia's Victorian State League championship team of 1980. Boyle was bought from West Adelaide last year and played for Victoria against English tourist Watford recently.

Boyle can be contacted at home on 460 3395.



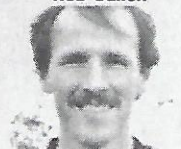
Peter Boyle



Rob Cullen



Steve Beech



Mike Rainey

Genaris Olympia's genius

Twenty-year-old Marco Genaris, Olympia's Sydney-born midfielder, is one of the most skilful players in Tasmania. On his day, he is creative, devastating, and a delight to watch. With socks perpetually down around his ankles, his appearance is deceptive. He has excellent ball control, good vision and a hard, accurate shot.

Genaris has been with Olympia for seven years. He suffered a serious injury a couple of seasons ago when he was chopped in a game against University. The injury could have threatened his career. "It was like a corked thigh, but much more serious. There was calcification within the muscle itself and if I hadn't received proper treatment, surgery would have been required. It doesn't effect my game, but if I put pressure on that leg I can still feel it," he says.

Olympia had a good start to the season but

By WALTER PLESS

slumped somewhat after the first few games. It made a good recovery recently, however, scoring 22 goals in one weekend, six in a Saturday league match and 16 in a Sunday cup game.

Although Genaris didn't score in those two games, he remains a key element in the side. He has resolved his recent differences with the club and is looking forward to the remainder of the season. "I still think we're in there with a chance. The way things are going, everyone's beating everyone else and you can't really say what's going to happen next. It's a good competition this year."

Genaris has no clear ambitions. "I could be going to the mainland at the end of the year but I've got notrials lined up. I'm not sure whether I'll stay there or not." One thing is certain, if he stays in Tasmania his future in the game is assured for a long, long time!



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LASZLO BALINT
He's 34 and has 75 caps. A sturdy sweeper who's as strong as an ox and as cunning as a fox. Plays in France with Toulouse.

TIBOR NYILASI
One of Europe's highest-scoring strikers, the tall, creative skipper is an inspiration to Ferencváros and the national team.

ANDRAS TOROCSEK Sent off with Nyilasi against Argentina in 1978, he is permanently the victim of his temper and wayward lifestyle. Now seems more settled and his speed and ball skills could finally be recognised at the highest level in Spain.



ITALY

GAETANO SCIREA In his second Finals, the Juventus sweeper is not the stereotypical Italian defender, but pushes forward when he can.

GIANCARLO ANTONONI Recovered from a nasty head injury, the Fiorentina defender has delightful skills and is a superb passer of the ball.

PAOLO ROSSI Played his first game following a two-year suspension in early May. Can he regain the form that made him a superstar in '78.



N. IRELAND

MAL DONAGHY His ability to play central defender, full-back or even in midfield makes the Luton star one of Billy Bingham's most valuable assets.

SAMMY McILROY Likes to run at defences and his style could unsettle Spain and Yugoslavia, especially if his shooting is at its best.

GERRY ARMSTRONG Can't win a regular place with Watford, but Armstrong's scoring record against Continental opposition is impressive. His heading ability and physical presence can unsettle defences. Combines well with Billy Hamilton.



PERU

JORGE OLACHEA The 26-year-old defender tackles well, holds his own in the air and has the ability to use the ball shrewdly once he's won it.

JULIO CESAR URSI Tipped to be the sensation of Spain after his performance in France recently. Deedily at set pieces and possibly scores, add.

GERONIMO BARBADILLO Speedy, super-skilled right flank striker who can turn defences inside-out. Has signed for Italian club Avellino. Nicknamed 'Patron' because he covers so much ground. Lethal finisher who says he's 27, but FIFA records say he's 29!

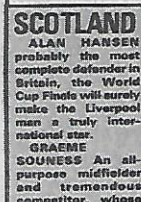


POLAND

WLADISLAW ZMUDA In his third successive finals, Zmuda is still only 27 but can be classed as one of Europe's top centre-halves.

ZBIGNIEW BONIEK playing for Juventus next season — A midfield craftsman and a free-kick specialist.

WLODZIMIERZ SMOLAREK One of the newer names in the Polish team, Smolarek will form the strike force with '74 and '78 veteran Szarmach. A direct, strong-running striker, the 24-year-old Wlodek Lodz star is said to be in the Gerd Muller class for half-chances.



SCOTLAND

ALAN HANSEN probably the most complete defender in Britain, the World Cup Finals will surely make the Liverpool man a truly international star.

GRAEME SOUNESS An all-purpose midfielder and tremendous competitor, whose never-say-die spirit typifies Scotland's attitude.

KENNY DALGLEISH The third of the Liverpool trio has, by his own admission, been disappointing in his previous two World Cups. Scotland have a goalscoring problem and Dalgleish's ability to score goals out of nothing has never been needed more.

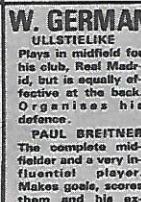


SPAIN

RAFAEL GORDILLO He's also Spain's best flymen, singer apart from being a great left-back. Fast and hard-tackling, his right foot is purely for balance.

JESUS ZAMORA Tall, elegant and always available to receive the ball. Tremendous ball skills, watch his hip-shrugging upfield runs.

JESUS SATRUSTEGUI Has the thankless task of working almost alone up front, but he's a non-stop battler and a real goal-grabber. Called simply Satrus, he's been Real Sociedad's top scorer five times in the last six years. Fast and good in the air.

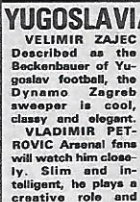


W. GERMANY

ULSTIELIKE Plays in midfield for his club, Real Madrid, but is equally effective at the back. Organises his defence.

PAUL BREITNER The complete midfielder and a very influential player. Makes goals, scores them and his experience of Spain (a former Real Madrid star) is vital.

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE A thoroughbred. A world class striker and a good bet to be the Cup's top scorer. European Footballer of the Year in 1981 and 1982 he is feared by Europeans and South Americans alike. A lethal finisher who will surely enhance his stature.



YUGOSLAVIA

VELIMIR ZAJEC Described as the Beckenbauer of Yugoslav football, the Dynamo Zagreb sweeper is cool, classy and elegant.

VLADIMIR PETROVIC Arsenal fans will watch him closely. Slim and intelligent, he plays a creative role and provides plenty of ammunition for his strikers.

VAHID HALIHODZIC He's "done a Joe Jordan" since leaving Velez Mostar for Nantes in France and has lost confidence. He remains a regular for his country and at his best is the complete central striker. Can he recover his goal flair in Spain?



ALGERIA

NORDINE KOURICI Plays in France for Bordeaux and is strong, especially in the air. Also does well at set pieces. Athletic and mobile.

LAHOUAR BELLOMI Africa's top sportsman last year. Skill, elegance, precision (long-passing and goalscoring are his qualities. Called Africa's Maradona).

DJAMEL ZIDANE The chunky centre-forward scored a vital goal v Nigeria to clinch a place in Spain. Realist, Algeria's goalscoring king-pin for the Finals. New in Belgium with FC Courtrai, he is at least, used to European defences. Watch for his speed and shooting.

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That totals \$800,000 for each player should Spain earn World Cup glory.

It's a tall order, but not impossible, as the past two World Cups have been won by the host nations, West Germany in 1974 and Argentina in 1978.

Apart from the bonus scheme, the Spaniards will be paid just \$60 a day.

That's all they'll get if they fail to make the second round.

FIFA, the organising body of world soccer, which runs the series, pays \$150 expenses to each nation's 22 players, and for teams making the second round \$175 each for players and \$200 for officials.

The Spaniards have outside commercial contracts for the series, including team payments of \$500,000 from Adidas sporting goods, \$200,000 from El Corte Inglés, and \$150,000 from Coca-Cola.

Spain's team manager, Jose Emilio Santamaría, has separate arrangements with Adidas and Ellesse, worth double that going to the players.

Spain's top goalscorer, Enrique Castro, better known as Quini, said he thinks his team's chances are very good.

Quini said: "If luck goes our way, I think we can make the final and probably win the cup."

New venue for '86?

Hermann Neuberger, vice-president of FIFA, says that if the 24-team format is retained for 1986, he would not be in favour of Colombia staging the next tournament, as planned.

Neuberger, who is also president of FIFA's World Cup organising committee, said: "With the current situation in Colombia, I just don't feel it will be able to organise a 24-nation World Cup in 1986."

Alfonso Senior, president of the Colombian Football Federation, is to present evidence at the FIFA congress in Madrid next month of his country's ability to stage the tournament.

The prospect of low attendances and doubts about the wisdom of the 24-team format occupied the minds of World Cup officials as the Cup kicked off on Sunday.

Organising committee chief Raimundo Saporta predicted that not all stadiums, particularly those staging less attractive games, would be full.

"I don't think all the World Cup match stadiums will be full," he told reporters. "Take a match such as Kuwait versus Czechoslovakia. It is hard to imagine that stadium being filled to capacity."

Air lines and hotels said many bookings had been cancelled and officials who initially calculated that half a million fans would visit Spain for the tournament have now scaled down that figure to around 200,000.

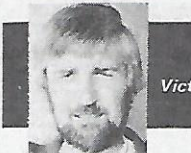
The organising committee, which had originally anticipated a profit of one billion pesetas (\$9 million) from match tickets and three special national lotteries, admitted it has now aiming only to break even.

Tommy Docherty declared in a recent newspaper article that it was his intentions to sign a player for South Melbourne Hellas when he returns to England.

My initial reaction was one of indignation as my thoughts turned to the young players here in Australia who are striving to make it to the top. However in the same newspaper I read another article which suggested that young Peter Constantino of Moreland could be joining Northcote in the State League. Good for Peter, I thought, I hope you make it to the top. But his projected transfer fee of \$6000 caught my eye and I realised the two incidents mentioned above were very closely connected.

Here was a young player as yet untried, but with obvious potential, commanding a projected fee of this nature as opposed to the possibility of signing a proven striker in England and getting him to Australia for the cost of an airfare.

Last week I condemned PSL coaches for not attending the national youth championships



TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

and I still maintain they must keep abreast of the standards at this level.

However, I must admit the above incidents could be reason indeed why those same coaches may feel they are being let down.

It does not mean that lower divisions clubs should not get compensated for developing players when the time comes for the youngster to try his luck at a higher level. But a huge transfer fee may have some adverse effects.

For example, Peter Constantino is proving to be an excellent young striker at Moreland in the First Division. However when he plays at State League level he will find goals much harder to come by as he opposes Stuart Cannell, Steve Kokoska, Paddy Bannon etc.

Every transfer is a risk but somehow it seems more of a risk when it is a young and as yet unproven player.

The crucial point here could be the attitude and ability of Peter's new coach.

His attitude may be to continue with the development of the young player to help him cope with the new challenges which he finds at a higher level, or his attitude could well be that he hasn't the time to do this and as a result he will only buy proven players.

The ability of the coach will very often depend on which of the above attitudes he adopts or probably, more to the point, his attitude may be determined by his coaching ability, remembering of course the pressures on the coach to win at all costs.

The Philips League runs a

"Mind you, it's very difficult to predict matters in the World Cup because of injuries."

"Once crucial thing in this series is having your country behind you."

In the past few months, Spain has become a very physical side and is renowned as a team which takes no prisoners.

But West Adelaide came back strongly in the second half and equalised in the 60th minute.

McQuiggin set up the goal when he fired a cross to the far post for Graham Heys to out-jump his taller opponent and score with a superb header.

When the match went into extra time, Adelaide City was expected to over-run West Adelaide which played the day before in a Philips League match.

But West Adelaide shocked Adelaide City in the 5th minute of extra time when Honeyman slammed a 25 metre drive which goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson could not handle and he watched agonisingly as the ball trickled over the goal line.

And two minutes later Honeyman broke from the centre and squared the ball to Atsalas who drove a firm ground shot into the far corner.

very competitive Youth League which involves the NSW teams plus the Institute of Sport. This of course allows the best young players to play against each other and provides for the development of players for the NSW Philips League teams.

This has been seen with us in this year of his introduction this year of him. Tom Patikas, Rene Lieke, Tom McCullough, Robbie Slater etc. into Philips League teams.

Unfortunately, their Victorian counterparts cannot play in this youth League because of economic reasons.

So their development generally takes place somewhere in the lower divisions of the Metropolitan League which, with due respect to all concerned, is just not good enough.

We must investigate as quickly as possible the idea of having a top class youth league in Victoria which will involve Philips League and State League youth teams. This of course would give Victorian clubs justification for securing more qualified coaches with a positive brief to develop players.

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Meeuws' offside trap put to the test

Unity and discipline are the main strengths of the Belgian National eleven.

While not many pundits mention Belgium among the danger teams at the Mundial, a few nasty shocks may well come the experts' way.

After all, who tipped them for the silver medal in the European Championships, or even as one of the teams in the final four?

While their most recent trial, a friendly international against Denmark in Copenhagen, promised very little that is good for the future, it was just a friendly.

And teams which play poorly in their warmups have had in years past a dis-

concerting and regularly recurring habit of doing very well. Indeed, when it counted — at the championships.

In the person of manager Guy Thys the Belgians have a brilliant master of the craft at the helm.

During the long lead-up period his main aim was familiarity and — unlike Rudi Gutendorf's Socceros — the Belgian team was only subjected to changes in recent times when there was an emergency.

With Argentina, Hungary and Salvador also in its group, Belgium faces a stiff, but far

from impossible task to qualify for the second round.

The central Americans are usually discounted as serious opposition. Not very wise, perhaps — while defending champion Argentina is unanimous favorite for the top spot. That too should be treated with some caution, but is probable.

As for Hungarian soccer fans, every single one of them confidently tips the Magyars to finish second at the very worst.

In the background, ever so

quietly, there is a core of opinion tipping the Belgians as one of the sure qualifiers.

They hold that the European championship success was no fluke.

It was the result of a number of factors, such as brilliant technical abilities, tactical preparedness, an unequalled fighting spirit and impeccable stamina, which all stood Thys' men in good stead when the chips were down.

The best part of the team probably is its midfield, made up of players who are capable

of non-stop 90 minutes of movement, and of determining the pace and style of the whole team.

Millcamps, in his thirties and Von Der Eycken, now on the books of Italian club Genoa, are excellent players and have the back up of first class understudies.

The two strikers, mainly Van Den Bergh and Ceulemans, work in well with the midfield, often interchanging positions, and are experts at suddenly switching the pace, tempo and rhythm of the game.

In defence, Thys is not in favor of the offside trap, but, being a supreme realist, has allowed the rearguard, ably led by sweeper Walter Meeuws, to apply its disciplined knowledge of this effective tactic.

This may be a weakness, because if an opponent consciously prepares to counter-attack the trap, then it may well lead to the Belgians' downfall early in the piece.

Belgium's World Cup players, Jean Marie Pfaff (Beveren) still regarded as Belgium's first choice goalkeeper although last season was disrupted by injuries and suspension. He has been with his part-timers' club for 17 years and was "Footballer of the Year" in 1978 when it won its only Belgium championship. Despite offers to join major clubs in Italy, Holland and Spain, Pfaff remains in Beveren, where he owns a sports store. He is one of the most reliable goalkeepers in Europe.

MICHELLE PREUD' HOMME (Standard Liege): A hero of Standard's recent European Cup Winners' Cup run, Preud'homme, like Pfaff, joined his club as an 18-year-old. He has had just four years' experience in senior soccer. Already an international at youth and military levels, he proved an ideal deputy when Pfaff was suspended for kicking a linesman last year. Preud'homme is a courageous and, at times, spectacular keeper and, at 23 obviously has a glittering future.

JACQUES MUNARON (Anderlecht): Has been number one keeper at Anderlecht for only three seasons. His outstanding performances in European club competitions have helped the cause of this acrobatic performer.

ERIC GERETS (Standard Liege): Formerly a centre forward, Gerets switched to defence eight years ago and has developed into one of the game's foremost attacking right backs. He joined Standard from Reken for a small fee in 1973. A solid tackler and huge asset when supporting his forwards.

LUC MILLECAMPS (Waregem): An integral part of Belgium's back four, which is rated among the strongest in Europe, Milcamps is

an intelligent centre back who organizes an extremely effective offside trap. His entire career has been spent at Waregem.

WALTER MEEUWS (Standard Liege): Recalled to international duty in 1978 after a lengthy absence, Meeuws enjoyed an outstanding European Championship finals series the following year. A solid, uncompromising centre back who is constructive when moving upfield, he is likely to miss at least one match in Spain through suspension. The squad's come from off the pitch, Meeuws joined Standard from FC Bruges last year.

JOS DAERDEN (Standard Liege): Had graduated from the Olympic squad. A safe and unspectacular defender, he was formerly with FC Liege and Tongeren.

MICHEL RENOUIN (Anderlecht): Joined Anderlecht last year in exchange for Johnny Desbats and Arle Haan who moved to Standard Liege. Equally at home as central defender or sweeper, he has been troubled by injury recently. Cool and determined, Renouin relishes big matches.

MARK BAECKE (Beveren): Invaluable squad member, Baecke has slipped into any defensive niche when injury or suspension has rendered a normal first-team choice unavailable. This warehouse clerk is a graduate from the under-21 team. He joined Beveren from Excelsior St Niklaas in 1974.

GERARD PLESSERS (Standard Liege): The consistency of Belgium's usual back four has limited Plessers' opportunities. Originally a midfielder, he is now primarily a robust left back, a former military international, he joined Standard as a 17-year-old from factory team Overpelt Fabriek.

RENE VANDERHEYCKEN (Genoa): A cartilage injury put him in the limbo before the finals. Should this freecoring midfielder take the field he will be a key man for the Belgians. A \$50,000 buy from Bruges, with whom he won a host of domestic and European honors, Vandereycken has experienced difficulties settling in Italy. Belgium's workhorse, the determined midfielder also possesses fine ball skills.

GUY VANDERLISSEN (Standard Liege): Able to play on either wing or midfield, he came to the fore during the European Cup Winners' Cup run of Standard, whom he joined as a 14-year-old from Scesion. A fine distributor of the ball.

FRANKIE VERGAUTEREN (Anderlecht): A solidly built, aggressive and hard-working midfielder, Vergauteren won his first cap for Belgium within a year of becoming an Anderlecht regular. His bustling style provides the ideal foil for his more gifted colleagues.

LUDO COECK (Anderlecht): Cursed by a long-standing knee injury, 33, midfielder Coeck has been in the out of the team for the past four years. An excellent reader of the game, he produces sensational long range shots and has also played as sweeper.

MAURICE DE SCHRIJVER (Lokeren): A competent, rather

than brilliant, midfielder, he has played with distinction for his club in UEFA Cup campaigns.

PIERRE JANSSEN (Waterschei): The DECISION OF VETERAN Wilfried Van Moer to declare himself unavailable for Spain has opened the way for one of a host of hopefuls. Janssen would appear to be the most likely of the group, being an effective attacking midfielder.

MARC MILLECAMPS (Waregem): Brother of centre back Luc, Marc had fewer opportunities to don Belgium's jersey. A consistent performer in the middle of the park, he never has let his country down when called upon.

ERWIN VANDENBERGH (Lierse): Leading scorer in the qualifying rounds and current Belgium Footballer of the Year, Vandenberg turned professional only three years ago. A natural goalscorer, this six footer may well set Spain alight with his striking ability. 23 only at the time of his debut, he has developed into one of the game's superstars.

JAN CEULEMANS (Club Brugge): Devastating down either flank, Ceulemans was the sensation of the European Championship of the year he was Belgium's Footballer of the Year. Originally with Lieke, Ceulemans moved to Bruges, where he has succeeded legendary Raul Lambert as local hero. This blond six footer exhibits speed, aggression and a lethal right foot. His skills are a vital facet of Belgium's counter-attacking game.

EX. CZERNIATYNSKI (Antwerp): The son of a Polish migrant coal miner, Czerniatynski made a sensational senior international debut in the crucial World Cup qualifier against France and capped a superb performance with a goal. A tall, powerfully built striker, Czerniatynski started his career with second division Charleroi but moved to Antwerp for a substantial fee. A graduate from the under-21 combination, his role for the "Diablos" is as a right sided forward.

ALBERT CLUYTENS (Anderlecht): A right-sided midfielder or forward, he combined his playing career with the job of refuse collector while with part-timers Beveren. The subject of a transfer to Anderlecht in 1978.

WILLY GEURTS (Anderlecht): A robust, bustling "old fashioned" centre forward, Geurts only recently has established himself in the under-21 side after a long period in the reserves. Unless injuries sideline the two favored strikers, Geurts is unlikely to gain a game in Spain.

GUY THYS (Manager): Thys was, like his father, a forward with Beerschot for 11 years. It wasn't until he moved to Standard Liege that Thys gained his two international caps. In 1974 he joined Cercle Brugge as player-manager before moving on to Lokeren, Wezel, Herenthaal, Club Brugge, and finally to Gillette and Antwerp. Appointed to the national post in 1977, Thys set about restructuring the side.

Tim's old Peruvians to attack the world

PERU's 2-1 win in Hungary and 1-0 defeat of France in Paris on their recent European tour served as a message to those who were, once again, ready to write-off the South Americans as old has-beens.

If their side contains a few veterans, those golden oldies have shown that they're not ready to be put out to grass.

The man who is in charge of Peru is a Brazilian and the oldest manager of the finals: Elba de Padua Lima. His age has been quoted as somewhere between 64 and 71. His skin is brown and he has contrasting blue eyes.

His voice is hoarse, a testimony to the three packets of cigarettes a day he smokes. But the man known simply as Tim, 34 years a manager and just over 20 years a player, is a shrewd old fox.

Tim speaks almost in a whisper as he talks about his football philosophies and his adopted country, Peru.

"I didn't want to come to Peru. I was quite happy coaching San Jose dos Campos in San Paulo, Brazil. We were unbeaten leaders in the League when I left. Why did I leave? Peru offered me more money than I was getting in Brazil."

"The contract was only for three months, but I thought 'why not?' When I arrived everything was in chaos. Nothing had been done and the World Cup qualifiers were on top of us. I had to start from scratch."

"The first thing I did was to study videos of Peru's performances in the 1978 World Cup. Once I knew something about the players I devised tactics accordingly."

"The team that attacks well loses out in defence, and a side that defends will play at the expense of its attack."

"I would always rather attack and fortunately Peru has many good attacking players."

"I demand that every ball should be played forward. Despite my players' innocence they learned quickly and we topped our qualifying group."

"People talk about my players being too old. I'm not worried about age, as long as they are physically fit they'll have no problems. The World Cup only lasts for a month."

"I think we'll go through with Poland. No, not Italy. They're no longer at their best and they've been hit by injuries."

"Cameron worry me, though. I saw them in 1972 and they were good then. The players were fast and skilful. Since then they've played under some excellent coaches and must have improved."

"After the Finals I'm going home. I'll start a football school for kids. 16 to 19-year-olds in Fluminense, by favour, ite club."

"This is my last period abroad. I've already turned down an offer from Saudi Arabia for 15,000 pounds a month."

"What good is money if I have to be away from my two daughters and grand children?"



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LUIS MENOTTI

Tele Santana, 31, a former winger with Rio club Fluminense and Vasco da Gama (since 1951) and coach of several Brazilian clubs since 1967 (with whom he won a few championships) became Brazil's national team coach in 1979 although he said at the time: "Being Brazil's national team coach is a good way of growing old quickly and you have little chance of success, because for Brazil even second place is defeat."

Well known for his attacking tactics and discipline, he immediately set about implementing both, doing away with the tactics which tied down Brazil's always excellent ball players during the 1978 World Cup finals when they were third and considered a failure.

In other words, he brought the joy back into Brazilian soccer both for the players (who never liked being tied down to tactics) and the fans who always want to see their team attack.

But he does admit: "Brazil will have to suffer goals against them in Spain, but a team which goes out to attack must accept this and we'll score more goals than the opposition."

Tele Santana also hates rough soccer and he has excluded several star players from his line-ups or simply not picked others with a history of rough play.

Under him the Brazilian team has played 29 matches, winning 21 and losing only two and scoring 65 goals — an average of over 2.2 per game — against 17 (0.31).

He says: "The perfect team does not exist, or if it does, I've never seen it. If we find only one defect, that good. One defensive error, when they score against us, is almost normal. If it weren't like that we wouldn't have to play. We'd be champions of everything and win all our matches. I don't want perfection, but simply that Brazil plays good football with good physical preparation and understanding."

Tele Santana has a high regard for Yugoslavia. "If we reach the finals, we expect to meet either West Germany, Spain or Yugoslavia as, according to the structure of this championship, we would have to eliminate other favourites such as Argentina, Belgium or the Soviet Union on the way."

ARGENTINA's 43-year-old chain-smoking manager/coach, Luis Menotti, has been in charge of the national team on a regular basis much longer than any of his predecessors — since October, 1974, although he says that when his contract expires at the end of this year he will not renew it.

Guillermo Stabile had been in charge of the national team for a longer period in the 40s and 50s, but never on a regular contract basis.

Menotti is also the first coach in Argentina who, with the FA's full backing, has been able to take players from their clubs for lengthy national team training — for four months again this year — which makes him the envy of coaches the world over.

A former half with several Argentine clubs as well as Santos (Brazil), and the New York Generals, he started coaching in 1970 and took Huracan to their only first division title in 1973 with the kind of attractive soccer not been seen in Argentine club soccer since.

He is a great believer in attractive and clean attacking soccer, but has been criticised for sticking to certain players even if they are not the best in their position.

But he has done this, because he found in them the right character to fit into his group. For the same reason, he has made as few changes as possible in the squad which has helped him to build up a personal relationship with his players such as other national team coaches probably do not enjoy.

Menotti will be paid the equivalent of \$66,000 plus match bonuses ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,600 by the FA.

He also gets fixed sums from two sports clothes firms (Puma and Ellesse) and has commercial contracts with Shell and a publishing firm that edits the country's leading sports magazine.

A fan recently sent him a box with implements to shine shoes on the street "in case he failed to retain the World Cup in Spain". Menotti is quietly confident, but he kept the box in his office all the same.

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Lisbon's Meszaros beat Magyars' smoking ban



Russia, back row: Oleg Blokhin, Leonid Buryak, Yuri Suslopov, Renat Dassayev, Anatoly Demyanenko, Andrei Bal. Front row: Tengiz Sulakvelidze, Sergei Borovsky, Ramas Shengelia, Vitaly Daraselia, Yuri Gevrilov.

Hungarian striker Tibor Nyilasi

Russia's form slipped

By PAUL MOON

No souvenirs. No big build-up. No World Cup mascot. No charter flights full of fans heading for Spain.

So much for World Cup fever in Russia! And besides the low-key approach to the finals, the Soviets are worried stiff about their team.

This time last year the Russians were on top of the world. Their well-drilled side was being quoted as one of the biggest threats to favourites Brazil. And, of course, far too hot for poor old Scotland to handle.

BUT AFTER THE RUSSIANS BEAT LOWLY GREECE 2-0 A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK, THEIR FORM WENT DOWNHILL.

Dynamo Kiev, and Dynamo Tbilisi, the club sides that provide almost the entire international squad, have gone off the boil. Both are halfway down the Russian First Division. At the top are the almost-unknown Armenian side, Ararat.

So anxious is manager Konstantin Beskov, he recently announced: "Last season the national squad inspired hope in us with its confident and effective play, but now it is out of its prime."

Then, running the rule over Alexander Chivadze, from Tbilisi, Beskov said the defender is "displaying truly disconcerting results, with up to 40 per cent errors per game." (True to their usual methodical style, the Russians graph each internationalist's play in league matches, detailing "spies" to count accurate passes, tackles, shots, etc.).

Beskov had already uttered that pessimistic opinion when the news filtered through that Leonid Buryak, Russia's midfield mastermind, had broken his ankle. Also captain Vladimir Bessonov has ligament damage.

REINAT DASSAYEV (Moscow Spartak): has been Russia's number one goalkeeper for the past three years. 87" tall, he is particularly safe in the air and also has excellent reflexes.

OTARI GABELIA (Dynamo Tbilisi): 29 years old, he came to the fore during his club's European Cup winner's Cup winning campaign of 1985 but has had few opportunities at international level.

VIKTOR CHANOV (Shakhtyor Donetsk): A product of the Soviet under-21 team which won the 1988 European under-21 championship.

TENGIZ SULAKVELIDZE (Dynamo Tbilisi): a versatile player who can be utilised in any defensive role or in midfield. He possesses a powerful shot and has scored some spectacular goals.

ALEXANDR CHIVADZE (Dynamo Tbilisi): A sweeper who is very dangerous when moving forward. Chivadze has been compared with the great West German Franz Beckenbauer. Strong in the air, sharp in the tackle and capable of producing stunning shots at goal, Chivadze was Russia's Footballer of the Year in 1988.

YURI SUSLOPAROV (Moscow Torpedo): A full back, Suslopov comes from the club which represents the gigantic ZIL motor works. He has only a handful of full international caps to his credit.

SERGEI BOROVSKI (Dynamo Minsk): A specialist left back, Borovski has proved a cool, competent performer on the few occasions he has been called up for international duty.

SERGEI BALASHA (Dynamo Kiev): Comfortable in any defensive berth, Balasha is hard working, plays ball control, only recently he has been introduced to senior international, he was groomed in the Olympic selection.

ANATOLY DEMYANENKO (Dynamo Kiev): Another player capable of fitting into any niche in the back four, Demyanenko has only recently forced his way into the side. At 23, he and Chanov are the "babies" of the side.

ALEXANDR BUBNOV (Dynamo Moscow): Russia's most experienced defender, he is solid in the air and a tenacious marker. His defensive role frees Chivadze to move upfield.

VITALI DARASELIA (Dynamo Tbilisi): An elegant midfielder, Daraselia burst onto the scene last year when scoring a brilliant goal in the European Cup Winners' Cup final. Soon afterwards he gained his first international cap. Russia's glut of quality midfielders may rob him of an appearance in Spain.

ANDREI BAL (Dynamo Kiev): A recent addition to the squad, Bal has, at the time of writing, no caps to his name. A cultured midfielder player, he has progressed magnificently since moving from Karpaty Lvov last year.

VLADIMIR BESSONOV (Dynamo Kiev): Easily distinguished by his blond hair, Bessonov was a star of the Soviet team which captured the Coca Cola World Junior Championship in 1977. He moves all over the paddock, being not only an effective ball winner at the back, but also showing sufficient speed and stamina to consistently support his forwards.

YURI GAVRILOV (Moscow Spartak): a calm and intelligent player, equally at home in midfield or at attack. Possessing speed in abundance, he is also a strong tackler.

RAMAZ SHENGELIA (Dynamo Tbilisi): The Soviet League's leading scorer last year, when he was also acclaimed "Footballer of the Year" for a second time, Shengelia was widely tipped to emerge as the world's top striker in Spain. This physical education teacher has the ball powerfully with either foot and is also extremely dangerous in the air, despite only medium height. An aggressive runner, Shengelia also helps out in midfield when necessary.

OLEG BLOKHIN (Dynamo Kiev): Now back to the form which made him Europe's Footballer of the Year in 1975, Blokhin inherited superb sprinting power from his mother, who was a Soviet hurdling champion. He is also a deadly finisher, being the all-time leading goalscorer in the Russian League and for his country. Nicknamed "The Ukrainian Gazelle", Blokhin promises to give opposing full backs a torrid time during the World Cup. Recently the Soviet authorities denied his request to pursue a professional career in the west.

SERGEI ANDREYEV (SKA): From the Rostov-On-Don based army club, Andreyev is one of six squad members who gained bronze medals in the 1980 Olympics. Normally a prolific goalscorer, he lost form dramatically last year and it appears that only a spate of injuries will enable him to regain a team place. His main asset is speed and heading ability.

KHOREN OGANESEYAN (Ararat Yerevan): Technically immaculate, Oganesyan shoots well with both feet and works extremely hard. His Armenian club is named after the nearby Mount Ararat; of Noah's Ark fame.

VLADIMIR GUTSAEV (Dynamo Tbilisi): In and out of the national team for the past few years, Gutsaev is a useful striker, but lacks the flair of Blokhin and Shengelia.

VADIM VELTUSHENKO (Dynamo Kiev): has made rapid strides since making his senior debut for Kiev just two years ago.

KONSTANTIN BESKOV (Manager): Beskov first gained international attention during the historic 1945 tour by Dynamo Moscow, for which he scored 166 goals during an illustrious career. Turning to management, Beskov has been in charge of three Moscow clubs - Dynamo, Torpedo and Spartak. He took Spartak from the Second Division to First Division Championship in three seasons. Now in the midst of a second spell in charge of the national team, he has built a combination which the USSR can justifiably be proud of.

Most of the managers of the 24 World Cup finalists looked forward to the big event with some measure of trepidation, knowing that their livelihood in most instances depended on the results achieved.

Not so Kálmán Meszoly of Hungary, even though he is in charge of one of the most problematic squads in Spain. In April the Hungarian Football Federation decided to extend his contract, which expires just after the World Cup for a further four years.

It was a big vote of confidence in one of the youngest managers on the international scene and by a country whose soccer setup is beset with moral, financial and administrative problems.

Meszoly had mixed feelings about the preparations.

He expected a lot from the domestic league championship, wanting it to be the "preliminary tournament" for his squad members. This was the reason behind the decision to hold full competition rounds twice a week and just like in Spain.

"I asked all our players, clubs and coaches for hard, physical, modern football, played at top pace for the full 90 minutes of each First Division match," he said.

"During the second half of the season this ideal was fulfilled to a much larger extent than during the early rounds, with most teams determined to win and not looking for easy draws."

As a result the stamina of our players increased considerably, leading to a major improvement in team work."

Meszoly was pleased with the further improvement of some of the tourists to Australia and New Zealand early in the year.

On the other hand, others did not comply with the manager's express demand that they be the pacesetters in every respect with their clubs.

Motivation was not always apparent, form fluctuated wildly from week to week and lack of fitness was also evident at times.

"At the World Cup players do not have several minutes at a time available to 'disappear' from play and simply jog around for a bit of a rest."

"Nonetheless, this is what happened at a number of league games with some of our stars."

Meszoly is also bitterly critical of the lack of assistance from Hungarian referees in Cup preparations.

The federation requested Hungarian officials to allow maximum latitude within the laws of the game for hard, physical, but fair play, while mercilessly cracking down on rough incidents.

"Unfortunately, this did not happen. Consistency was lacking in decisions, a lot of rough

By PETER SCOTT

stuff was overlooked, while they pulled up incidents which most foreign referees wouldn't even blink at.

"Our players often complained to me with justification that they did not know what attitude to take."

"What was considered fair and normal in Australia was not allowed in Budapest and the harm from this, I'm afraid, may obvious in Spain," Meszoly said.

An interesting aspect of the Hungarian preparations is that all players were completely banned from smoking. Moreover Meszoly advocates that all Hungarian contract players be under a permanent smoking ban.

It is intriguing that one of the men Hungary depends on most is also a nicotine addict, goalie Ferenc Meszaros, who must be glad he plays for Sporting Lisbon in Portugal, far from Meszoly's eagle eyes.

Nonetheless Meszoly is convinced that Meszaros will

maintain his spectacular form of the qualifying games and that "At long last we'll return from a World Cup in the knowledge that goalkeeping didn't torpedo our hopes and plans".

Another interesting figure in Hungary's plans is young Imre Garaba.

He was voted the player of the year by fans in 1981 and Meszoly is delighted with his development, while cautioning him to cut down on the rough stuff which has led to a number of premature expulsions from games.

Another very interesting aspect is that a number of Hungarians are based in Belgium - Martos and Fazekas for example.

And a new name to remember is that of Lazar Sentes who was scoring goals this season, leading provincial club Raba Eto to the title and netting in the first minute of his international debut against Peru.

No doubt about it! Hungary is one of the biggest question marks in the mundial.

It would not surprise to see it challenging for a sport in the final four - or being eliminated in the first round.



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big squad, so young Murphy was given a free transfer.

"I signed with Falkirk and had other offers as well, but I was disillusioned, so I took up an opportunity to come to Australia on a temporary visa. I intended to stay only a short while, but I'm still here and I'm enjoying it."

At Croatia, he has been in the company of the very best players in State League soccer. Steve Kokoska, Tommy Cumming, Pat Bannon, Eddie Krncevic, John Gardiner, Dave Brogan, Billy Vojtek, Yacka Banovic, and the exciting little winger Josip Biskic whose reputation is growing by the week.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Sturrock, Murphy linked with Neery

Ken Murphy parts with words as readily as a dental patient surrenders his teeth.

His soccer ability talks for him, as we saw in Victoria's clash with Watford at Olympic Park. While the Englishmen were ploughing the pitch with the unfortunate Victorians, Murphy resisted valiantly. At the end, his opposing full back, Martin Patching, had had his reputation battered so badly that he must have felt wrong about sharing any credit for the victory.

Murphy, 25, of Melbourne Croatia, is one of the best footballers outside the Phillips League.

Heidelberg and Makedonia tried to lure him to the PSL a

few times, but the first time he wasn't interested, and the second time Heidelberg couldn't afford the transfer fee, reputed to be \$20,000.

At the moment, Murphy is playing for Croatia on option until the end of the season.

"I've enjoyed Croatia a lot, but I really want to give PSL a go before I get too old," he says.

He's in his sixth season with Croatia, having come from Scotland after he had just turned 20.

He joined Dundee United upon leaving school, and combined his soccer with a part-

time apprenticeship in fitting and turning.

He had two senior games with Dundee, in the company of Andy Gray, Dave Neery and Paul Sturrock who all were to become Scottish internationalists. But Dundee had a

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2	(3) APIA-LEIGHARDT	6	2	1	18	3	34:30 23
3	(4) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS	6	2	1	21	2	32:19 22
4	(2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	7	1	1	14	2	27:24 22
5	(6) Heidelberg-Alexander	6	2	2	19	3	28:26 21
6	(5) Sydney Olympic	4	1	4	16	4	33:26 19
7	(7) Marconi-Datsun	6	1	2	23	2	29:24 18
8	(9) Preston-Makedonia	4	1	1	17	2	26:31 18
9	(8) Brisbane Lions	4	2	3	17	1	26:22 17
10	(12) Canberra City	3	3	4	16	2	27:29 17
11	(10) Wollongong	4	1	3	10	3	20:33 17
12	(13) Footscray JUST	2	6	1	14	1	24:30 16
13	(11) South Melbourne Hellas	4	2	2	14	3	25:26 15
14	(14) Adelaide City Juventus	3	4	2	13	1	23:23 14
15	(15) Newcastle KB United	2	4	3	11	2	24:33 13
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HOSZOWSKI (2) (Canberra)	TANSEY (1) (H'berg)
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MURRAY (4) (Syd. City)	JANKOVICS (3) (Marconi)
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Heidelberg for the PSL title - Campbell

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"We're going all the way to the top," said Jim Campbell after leading Heidelberg to a 3-1 victory over St. George last Sunday.

"We can win the championship," Former World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly agrees. "We won't drop the silly points we dropped in the first half of the season, and I really think we can go on to win the title," Reilly said.

If their confidence is justified, Heidelberg should beat Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday, but then last Sunday's form can't be taken as an accurate yardstick because St. George was reduced to 10 men before half time.

Nevertheless, Jamie Paton is back in form up front, Campbell is, according to many good judges, including Reilly, the best midfielder in Australia at the moment, and Jim Tansey is back to his best in defence.

If Heidelberg is indeed to beat Olympic, it would benefit greatly from a victory by South Melbourne Hellas over Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, for this would reduce the gap between the leading teams.

Sydney City had five injured players after its victory over Sydney Olympic last Sunday — John Spanos, Murray Barnes, Willie Murray, Steve O'Connor and David Mitchell.

City's chances depend very much on whether these players recover in time.

Sydney Olympic coach Doug Collins is concerned that most opposing teams concentrate on nullifying its star midfielders Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos, and that certain players still are out of form.

Heidelberg concentrates on playing its own game rather than on marking opponents, so Katholos and Raskopoulos will get their chance to turn the tide for Olympic.

But with Cole, Paton, Campbell and young Beklaris firing, Olympic will pay dearly for any gaps it leaves in its defence.

South Melbourne Hellas, which continues to show major changes in its line-up, could find itself in danger of relegation, if it loses again on Sunday.

Coach Tommy Docherty dropped captain Alan Evans and goalkeeper Peter Laurens last week, replacing them with Billy Rogers who changed from midfield to the forward line, and reserve goalkeeper Lou Tsigras.

Now Docherty is back in England for about 10 days, and during that time he will try to recruit as many as three new players.

How that will effect the confidence of the players now in the team remains to be seen.

APIA meanwhile, is reported to have made a tentative approach for Evans, who was substituted in two matches before Docherty dropped him altogether.

St. George left back Rob Sheil will have served his one-match suspension in Monday's Philips Cup game, so he'll be back to help Saints subdue Craig Johnston of Newcastle at St. George Stadium on Sunday.

Saints are reported to have agreed to pay Newcastle a percentage of the gate takings to assist with the cost of having Johnston play guest games here.

Australian soccer badly needs more dedicated youngsters of the Johnston mould to have a consistent future in the world arena.

That's the viewpoint of APIA's Peter Wilson: whose 115 appearances for Australia (62 full caps) is an all-time record.

Wilson said: "I believe that the young Australian players possess more basic skills than youngsters from England."

"However, I notice our youth players are inclined to play their matches and then stop thinking about their game until the following weekend."

"I started out in England with Middlesbrough, Craig Johnston's club before he transferred to Liverpool."

"I cleaned the players' boots and tidied up the bathrooms."

"It was a tremendous honor to do the boots for the first team, but here youngsters would not be interested in such a menial job."

West Adelaide faces one of its biggest tests when it meets Wollongong at Wollongong on Sunday. Wests have powered relentlessly up the ladder to be perched within three points of league leadership.

But Wollongong has taken the scalps of some of the league's leading teams in recent weeks, and is sure to bring the best out of Wests' Robbie Dunn, Neil McGachey and Martyn Crook.

Wests probably will defend, hoping for a break via Graham Heys. Both teams are running hot, and the most likely outcome appears to be a draw.

Makedonia, having notched only its second away win of the season in beating Brisbane City last week, will have George Todorovski back after suspension, to face APIA at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

With Peter Ollerton and Alan Whittle adding their experience to the midfield, Makedonia now has two players who can feed the right type of ball to breakaway striker Doug Brown — providing Ollerton decides to bring Brown back.

It was because he was disappointed in Brown's recent form that Ollerton dropped him to the bench last week, but you can't very well leave out your top scorer at home.

Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City clash in the fierce Queensland derby at Richlands, with City's Jim Hermiston confronting his former club for the second time in less than a week.

But despite Hermiston's steady influence in defence, Lions look too accomplished.

Footscray J.U.S.T., poised in the uncertain twilight between safety and relegation danger, goes to Marconi Stadium secure in the knowledge that it hasn't been beaten in the league for six weeks.

Jim Kendarios is in excellent form, as he has to be to control Mark Jankovics. Similarly, Kyriakoulas and Igor Hazabent are more than capable of dealing with Rene Licata and Ian Hunter.

J.U.S.T. could win this in breakaways. Ricky Budini and Vic Bozanic like to attack, so these two full backs may leave gaps for Zdravko Lujic and Mendo Ristovski to exploit.

With Newcastle improving rapidly, Adelaide City could slump into the relegation zone if it fails to beat Canberra at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

Canberra however, has greater strength in attack (Purdie, Gibson, Brennan) and midfield (Gary Byrne, Christopoulos, Stone), and so I expect the visitors to win.

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN WOLLONGONG
Wollongong v. West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Wollongong Showgrounds.

IN MELBOURNE
South Melbourne Hellas v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Middle Park.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v. APIA-Leighardt at Connor Reserve.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE LIONS v. Brisbane City at Richlands.

IN SYDNEY
Marconi-Datsun v. Footscray J.U.S.T. (draw) at Marconi Stadium.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v. Newcastle KB United at St George Stadium.

Sydney Olympic v. HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER at Pratten Park.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City Juventus v. CANBERRA CITY at Olympic Sports Field.

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HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Cole, Paton, Beklaris) **ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1** (Wilkinson) at Olympic Village. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. J. Campbell (H), 5. Tansey (H), 4. M. O'Shea (St G), 3. Marton (St G), 2. Paton (H), 1. Cole (H).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Ristovski) **BRISBANE LIONS 1** (Whittle) at Schinlor Reserve. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Kondarios (JUST), 5. Burns (BL), 4. Koljic (JUST), 3. Ciric (JUST), 2. Lowndes (BL), 1. Hazabent (JUST).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 2 (Jones, Johnston) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0** at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Hamilton (N), 5. Sneddon (N), 4. Banfield (AC), 3. Johnston (N), 2. Treddinnick (N), 1. Villani (AC).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Hamilton) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2** (Ollerton, Whittle) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Bohan (BC), 5. Jones (Mak), 4. Liddell (BC), 3. McVeigh (BC), 2. Little (Mak), 1. Hermiston (BC).

CANBERRA 2 (T. Byrne, I. Stone) **MARCONI 0** at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. JANKOVICS (M), 5. Hoszowski (C), 4. T. Byrne (C), 3. McCulloch (M), 2. Christopoulos (C), 1. Ontong (C).

APIA-LEIGHARDT 2 (Bradley, Giampaolo) **WOLLONGONG 2** (O'Connor) at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. O'Connor (W), 5. Bradley (APIA), 4. Bertogna (W), 3. Cotton (W), 2. Butler (APIA), 1. Giampaolo (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Mitchell, Murray)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (K. Wilson) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Ted Simmons:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Murray (SC), 4. Cant (SC), 3. Robertson (SC), 2. K. Wilson (SO), 1. Raskopoulos (SO).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Brown) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0** at Hindmarsh. Votes by Memo Toudis:

6. Davidson (SM), 5. Xanthopoulos (SM), 4. Dunn (WA), 3. McGachey (WA), 2. Blair (SM), 1. Egan (SM).

Leaders:

72. Katholos (SO).
53. McGachey (WA).
50. Dunn (WA).
49. Bradley (APIA).
48. Radfern (SO).
46. Bertogna (W).
45. Marton (St G).
43. Iloski (JUST).
41. J. Campbell (H'berg).
40. Radfern (SO).
37. Honeymann (WA).
36. Northcote (AC).
35. Bennett (BL).
35. Russell (AC).

32. Kosmina (SC), T. Byrne (Can).
30. Banfield (AC), Murray (SC), Adam (W), Soper (APIA).
29. Egan (SM), Henderson (Marc), Hermiston (BC).
27. Xanthopoulos (SM), H. Treddinnick (N), Jankovics (Marc), G. Byrne (Can).
26. Yzondorn (H'berg), O'Reilly (JUST), Hunter (Marc).
25. Davidson (SM), G. Campbell (SM), Lowe (N), Raskopoulos (SO), Robertson (SC).
24. McMillan (H'berg), Boyle (Mak), Purdie (Can).
23. Ratcliffe (St G).
22. Brown (Mak), Niven, Millman (BL).
21. Heys (WA), Kondarios (JUST), Blair (SM), Dando (N), Barton (St G), Connor (BC).

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Leaders:

13. Kosmina (SC).
12. Egan (SM).
11. Soper (APIA), Honeymann (WA).
10. Marton (St.G), Koussas (SO), Cole (H'berg).
9. Giampaolo (APIA), Broan (Mak), J. Campbell (H'berg).
8. J. Nyakohus (AC), Jankovics (Marc).
7. Bradley (APIA), O'Connor (W), Millman (BL), Radfern (SO).
6. Purdie, T. Byrne (Can), Williamson (BL), Lowe (Newc).
5. Cotton (W), Murray, Mitchell (SC), Barton, Slater (St.G), Ollerton (Mak), Bozanic, Hunter (Marc), Heys (WA).

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Canberra confounds its critics

Canberra 2
Marconi 0

Scorers: T. Byrne, I. Stone.
Ground: Bruce Stadium.
Crowd: About 2000.
Referee: Ken Allen 8.

CANBERRA: Hosowski 8, Ontong 8, T. Byrne 5, Milovanovic 7, Ambrosino 7 - G. Byrne 7, Christopoulos 8, I. Stone 7 - Gibson 7, Purdie 6 (Rais 76th), Brennan 7.

MARCONI: Maher 6 - Bozanic 5, Calderon 7, Prskalo 5, Budini 6 - Vieri 6, Henderson 7, McCulloch 8, Silva 6 (in Lisata HT 6) - Hunter 8, Janakovic 9.

Underdogs Canberra City once more astounded the critics with a fighting, thoroughly deserved 2-0 victory over Marconi.

And the hero of the game was Canberra half back Ian Stone.

It was Stone who set up the tie-breaking first goal after 58 minutes and then finished Canberra's scoring five minutes later.

The first half was a dull, lacklustre 45 minutes when Canberra, with quick tackling and skilful use of the offside trap, brought the Marconi scoring machine to a standstill.

Marconi fielded the same attacking formation that crashed seven goals past APIA Leichhardt the previous weekend but last Sunday it was held convincingly.

It was continually frustrated by Canberra's offside tactics. But both sides had great first half scoring opportunities.

Marconi forward Tom McCulloch was given time and space to score in the 20th minute but crashed his shot into the arms of waiting Canberra goalkeeper, Steve Hosowski.

And right on the half-time whistle a well placed header by Canberra's George Christopoulos was superbly saved by Marconi's goalkeeper, Allan Maher.

Maher could not be blamed for the tie-breaking goal.

Stone made ground down the left flank and found space to send in a neat centre which was headed on by Canberra's striker Tony Brennan.

The ball fell at the feet of Canberra captain Terry Byrne and as Maher came out swiftly to narrow the angle, Byrne deftly flicked the ball over his head.

Five minutes later a totally rejuvenated Canberra completed the scoring.

A quick attack into the goal mouth paid off when mid-fielder Gary Byrne scooped the ball to Stone on the left.

Again Maher moved out but despite a desperate dive he was unable to stop Stone's well placed shot.

Canberra finished all over the visitors and it was only Maher's brilliance in the last 10 minutes that kept the score line at 2-0.

Even then Canberra's Alan Reis had a shot which hit the cross bar - although at the other end goalkeeper Hosowski did well to smother a sizzling, close range shot from Mark Janakovic.



Peter Windsor

Mitchell, Kosmina the deadly duo

By TED SIMMONS

Syd. City 2
Olympic 1

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 6, Spanos 7, O'Connor 6, Robertson 7, Murray 8, Cant 8, Barnes 5, Borges 7, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 5, Condy 7, Scott 7, Rogers 6, Ziras 6, Phillips 7, Radfern 7, Raskopoulos 7, Koussas 7, Katholos 8, Jennings 6.

SCORERS: Mitchell (4m, Sydney City) Murray (45m, Sydney City) K. Wilson (47m Sydney Olympic).

SUBSTITUTES: K. Wilson (for Ziras 41m) - Olympic: J. Watson (83m for Mitchell) - Sydney City.

CAUTIONS: Mullen, O'Connor.

CROWD: 5600

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

The "walking wounded" of Sydney City had enough ammunition left to hold off Sydney Olympic in their lightning 2-1 victory at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Both dressing rooms looked like casualty stations after the match, although the damage was not as obvious during play.

Slickers had the longer list - Spanos (leg), Barnes (leg), O'Connor (groin), Murray (leg), and Mitchell (thigh), while Olympic were nursing Ziras (leg), Raskopoulos (ankle) and Koussas (thigh).

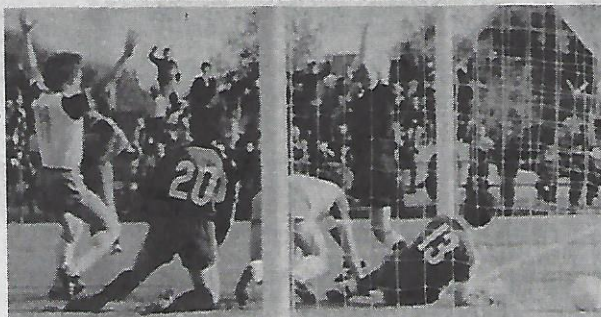
Mitchell had the ball in the net after four minutes when John Spanos clipped high, and the striker headed over the hesitant Peter Wilson, who should have either come forward or stayed on his line.

The remaining goals came within two minutes. Murray ran on to a long pass from John Kosmina in the 45th minute, cut in and slotted the ball between Wilson and the right upright, and two minutes into injury time Ken Wilson, who had replaced Ziras, tapped the ball in from a goal-line mixup.

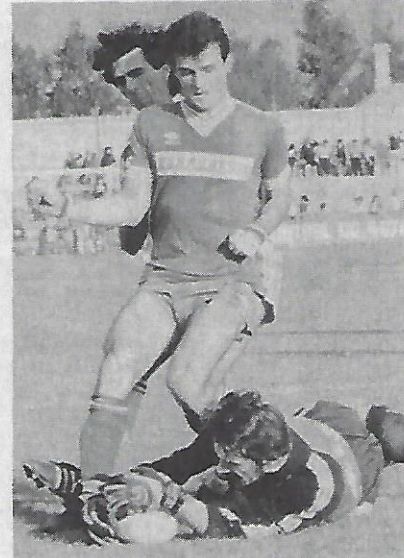
Most of the first half belonged to Sydney City, with Mitchell and Kosmina forming a deadly partnership.

But the Slickers can thank their backline for the two points, especially the non-stop work of Spanos, Jimmy Cant and Alex Robertson.

Time after time in the second half Katholos and Raskopoulos led raids into the Slickers half, only to see their efforts dashed by the unyielding defence.



Tim Brown (left) lifts his arms in triumph seconds after scoring West Adelaide's decisive goal at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



South Melbourne Hellas goalie Lou Tsagaris dives down in front of team-mate Socrates Nicolaides. Lurking behind is West Adelaide's Steve Atsalsas.

APIA THROWS AWAY A TWO GOAL LEAD

APIA 2
Wollongong 2

Scorers: Bradley, Giampaolo pen (APIA), O'Connor (W)

Ground: Lambert Park
Crowd: 3,828

Referee: G. Power 9.
APIA: Parkes 6, Carter 6, McAusland 7, Bradley 8, Pullen 7, Skellern 5, Morsello 6, Kilkelly 6, Soper 6, Butler 7, Giampaolo 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6, Willis 7, Bertogno 8, Dunleavy 7, Ainsworth 6, Adam 7, Cotton 7, Gaffney 6, Treddinick 7, Ken 5 (Morlando 58-5), O'Connor 9.

In a hard fought, at times spiteful encounter at Lambert Park, APIA had the better of the first half to go to a comfortable 2-0 lead at the break, but as on so many occasions this year, they faltered during the second period to let the Wollongong side back into the match.

In fact, with seconds left in the game, Roy Cotton could have snatched the winner for his side, but his header missed



Alex Vesic

the far post with Bobby Parkes well beaten. Had that one gone in, I am sure that the APIA supporters would have asked for a Royal Commission or maybe just a simple stewards inquiry, for it was a game which most believed to have been won during the first 45 minutes.

APIA had it all their own way for most of that half and could easily have piled up a much more comfortable lead than a mere two goals.

Marshall Soper started a series of sad misses when he headed a cross by Bradley metres wide in the 8th minute, then some seven minutes later it was Bradley's turn to miss from close range following a neat cross by Giampaolo.

In the meantime Ainsworth headed off the line from a good shot by Giampaolo, then Dunleavy cleared off the line following a shot by Bradley.

Fireworks continued in the Wolves penalty area, but APIA had very little to show for their efforts until some nine minutes from the break. It was Baz Giampaolo who started the move on the left, turned left then right, before crossing for Bradley inside the penalty area and some 12 metres from

goal, who in turn wasted little time before rounding a defender then slamming the ball past Preston.

With only a couple of minutes left and following a corner kick, the Wolves keeper failed to hold a high cross and as the loose ball found Carter some 20 metres from goal, Preston looked beaten. Carter's shot was hard and accurate but so was the dive by Arno Bertogno who flung himself to his right to effect a magnificent save with the palm of his right hand.

Giampaolo scored from the penalty kick and APIA took a commanding lead, which looked good enough for any side, and despite a gallant effort by Wollongong during the first period, the general consensus of opinion was heavy in favour of an easy APIA win.

Wolves showed some great fighting spirit during the second period and described the point which in the end went down south. As early as the second minute of this half, O'Connor and Dunleavy were involved in a conference some five metres from the APIA goal, as to who was going to put the ball in the net after a cross by Roy Cotton. In the end they hesitated too long and lost the ball.

But they were not to be denied and in the 33rd minute it was Treddinick who provided the cross and Bertogno's header found Phil O'Connor in position to add his finishing touch with a neat lob to make it 2-1.

Skellern's mistake almost led to yet another goal by O'Connor, but Parkes brave effort at the feet of the ex-APIA forward saved the day in the 65th. Wollongong appeared to maintain strong pressure on APIA through some great efforts by their front runners, O'Connor and Cotton, with O'Connor giving Skellern some terrible times.

But as the time wore on APIA came back and almost scored through Tony Morsello in the 77th then Soper, whose header hit the cross bar only a minute later.

With just three minutes to go O'Connor received a pass inside the penalty area, turned Skellern with ease and planted the ball with his right foot away from the goalkeeper's reach, to make it 2-2.

O'Connor, returned to his old stamping grounds, quietly during the first period, but bounced back to terrorise Skellern, then scored two superb goals which earned his team one point and for my money the man of the match award.

SYDNEY CITY DOOMED

West Adelaide 1
Sth Melb 0

Scorer: Brown (15th).
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 4200.

Weather: Fine.

Referee: Bobby Kerr 6.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 McKie 7, Dunn 8, McGachey 8, Tatzalas 7 - McGregor 6, Brennan 7, Atsalsas 5 - Hays 7, Brown 7, Honeyman 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Tsagaris 8 - Nicolaides 7, Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 9, Bennett 7 - Campbell 8, Davidson 9, Shirra 8 (Buljevic 76) - Egan 8, Rogers 8, Halford 7.

South Melbourne Hellas WILL beat Sydney City Hakohah on Sunday.

I make this prediction on the basis of South Melbourne's superb display against West Adelaide.

Even though South Melbourne went down 1-0, Tommy Docherty's team played some scintillating soccer and clearly deserved a draw or worst.

They knocked the ball about in a manner which would have made Liverpool proud.

But West Adelaide also emerged from this game with credit.

Despite being under enormous pressure for the last hour, it did not fold even though it resorted to some desperate defensive work.

Even when goalkeeper Martyn Crook left the field for eight minutes in the second half, the defence played brilliantly.

Crook, who was concussed against Brisbane Lions the week before, collapsed after five minutes of the second half.

Robbie Dunn took over while Crook received treatment. Zoran Maricic was preparing to come on, but coach Alan Vest, who was a step ahead of everybody else, told the substitute to stay on the bench.

Crook returned to a thunderous standing ovation and



Meno Toutsidis

repaid the crowd by making a brilliant save from a Steve Blair header midway through the half.

In his brief stay between the posts, Dunn excelled. He made a good stop to keep a free kick out and also punched clear a few high balls.

On the one occasion he was beaten, Neil McGachey cleared off the line.

West Adelaide gave every indication it would take Sydney apart after the first few minutes.

Graham Honeyman had prized the defence open in the opening minute and goalkeeper Lou Tsagaras, who had a superb game, was immediately called into action.

West got the only goal when McGachey floated a free kick to the far post for Honeyman to head it down to Graham Hays.

The little winger headed spectacularly but Tsagaras made a good save.

However he failed to hold it and Tim Brown pounded onto it like a striking cobra.

That was the cue for South Melbourne to attack.

Alan Davidson had a blinder in the midfield and so too did strikers Charlie Egan and Billy Rogers.

South's central defenders, Blair and Arthur Xanthopoulos, did not put a foot wrong all game and aided by fullbacks Socrates Nicolaides and Gerry Bennett snuffed out winger Hays.

Apart from the shot cleared off the line during Dunn's stint as keeper, Dunn, himself, and Ian McKie also steered shots off the line.

While West Adelaide will admit it was fortunate to win, it will rightly point out that it was robbed of a win in Melbourne when the sides met early in the season.

On that occasion, South equalised from what was described as an offside position in the fourth minute of injury time.

West plays Wollongong on Saturday and will need to show much more physical aggression if it is to come home with a point or two.

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(H'berg 5-4 on pens)

Penalty scorers, H'berg: Cole, Paton, Zandvoort, Yankos, McMillan; **Hellas:** Egan, G. Campbell, Holford, Buljevic.

Penalty misses: H'berg: Solemidis (hits post), Valentin (too wide); **Hellas:** Xanthopoulos (too high), Davidson (hits bar), Bennett (saved by keeper).

Referee: Jim Fearn S.

Cautions: Oliver (H), Shirra (Hellas).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 9 - McMillan 8, Zandvoort 8, Yankos 10, Tansley 9 - J. Campbell 6 (inj sub McLeod 113th) Solemidis 6 - Bakleris 6, Cole 7, Paton 8, Valentin 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Talsgaras 9 - Bennett 9, Blair 9, Xanthopoulos 7, Nicolides 8 - Davidson 9, Shirra 6 (Buljevic 7, 75th) - Holford 8, Egan 8, Rogers 7, Campbell 6.

Heidelberg Alexander advanced to the second round of the Phillips Cup after a marathon 120 minutes of soccer and 14 penalty shots in the game against South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

The match was scoreless after half an hour of extra time, and Heidelberg finally won 5-4 on penalties.

Heidelberg's hero was goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, who saved Hellas's seventh penalty shot taken by full back Gerry Bennett.

The saved ended the penalties showdown, and gave Heidelberg the match.

Then Solemidis of Heidelberg and his cousin Arthur Xanthopoulos of South Melbourne missed one shot each during the first set of five penalties per team.

That left the score at 4-4 going into the "sudden death" period.

Mike Valentine missed Heidelberg's next shot, and Alan Davidson with the chance to win the match for Hellas hit the crossbar.

Arthur MacMillan scored to put Heidelberg ahead 5-4 and Oliver saved Hellas's next shot from Bennett.

It was a bitter disappointment for the South Melbourne full back who had played well with fellow defender Steve Blair.

Charlie Yankos put on a sterling performance in Heidelberg's defence.

The defeat was the third in a row for Hellas and it has now scored 30 minutes since it scored its last regular goal.

But Hellas pushed forward through Davidson and George Campbell.

Coach Tommy Docherty strengthened his attack in the 75th minute by replacing Jim Shirra with forward Branko Buljevic.

Buljevic could have won the match during extra time, but his powerful drive hit the crossbar.

Gary Cole could have won it for Heidelberg but goalkeeper Lou Tsigris pounced at Cole's feet, the ball ran loose to Jamie Paton, but his shot was cleared off the line by Xanthopoulos.

Also during extra time, Jim Tansley hit the bottom of the post with an angled shot.



New Zealand captain Steve Sumner in training before last night's (Tuesday's) clash with Scotland in the World Cup.

Newcastle 2 Marconi 2

Marconi 4-2 on pens

Hilton Silva's two goals within the first 12 minutes set Marconi bounding towards victory over Newcastle KB at Graham Park, Gosford.

It was only after 120 minutes of enthralling football that Marconi's proficiency in taking penalty kicks and goalkeeper Allan Maher's two glorious penalty saves confirmed its entry into round two.

The final score favoured Marconi by two goals and four penalties to Newcastle's two goals and two penalties.

Played in driving rain throughout, the match provided a sensation on heart stopping incidents, with an incredible number of chances won and lost at either end.

Marconi's plucky win was accomplished with just 10 men on the park for half the game.

Star striker Mark Jankovic snapped a hamstring in the 64th minute and will be lucky indeed to recommence playing for another six weeks.

It was a shattering blow for the former Soccerco, who has been nearing his peak with dangerous running and a sixth sense in finding space to execute his shots.

Chunky striker David Lowe set Newcastle alight with two goals that took the score to 2-2 at the 30 minute mark.

From then on there always was complete doubt over which team would turn up trumps in the end.

As it happened the score rightly still stood at 2-2 after a tense 30 minutes of extra time.

Roy Drinkwater and Stuart Robertson of Newcastle and Vic Bozanic and Tony Henderson from Marconi all struck their penalties into the net.

Then Jones and Howard Tredinnick had their shots splendidly saved by Maher deep in the right hand corner of the goal, whereas opposition Rob Vieri and Hilton Silva did not make a mistake.

Newcastle's latest Scottish acquisition Robertson and Jim Hamilton revelled in the mid-field slush with the tiny Robertson matching Marconi's experienced Vieri all the way.

Marconi winger Rene Licata came on for midfielder Bert Mariani after half time, and when Jankovic suffered his injury the team had used up its only permitted substitute.

Goals: Opasinas 5th, Ward 23rd.

Venue: Connor Reserve.

Referee: Mellings R.

Crowd: 500.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 8 - Opasinas 7, Jones 7, Ollerton 7, Little 8 - Whittle 7, Flavell 6, Miranda 7 - Ward 8, Luchetti 6, Brown 7 (Potasov 85th).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.O: Boland 7 - Kyriakoulas 7, (injured, came off 75th), O'Reilly 7, Kondorinos 9, Popovici 6 (inj, sub Stojcevic 72nd) - Bolic 6, Haskic 6, Conovic 6 - Simic 7, Vasic 6, Ristovski 7.

Seventeen year old On Opasinas made a dream debut in the 75th minute by replacing Jim Shirra with forward Branko Buljevic.

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Hilton Silva

opening goal in its 2-0 win over Footscray J.U.S.T. in the first round of the Phillips Cup.

The youngster, normally a winger, lined up at full back but overlapped at the first opportunity to catch a half-clearance on the volley and beat Dennis Boland after only five minutes.

Footscray had started the match without five regulars - forwards Zdravko Lujic and Milan Kojic, and full-back Igor Hazenat injured, as well as keeper Mitutin Ciric and Jim Milne who were rested.

Kyri Kyriakoulas was added to the injury list, when he left the game in the 76th minute, reducing J.U.S.T. to 10 men.

Preston Makedonia had its own share of injuries, starting without Graham Fox and losing top scorer Doug Brown with an ankle injury in the closing minutes, but it was a class above J.U.S.T. after the early goal.

Footscray's spirit was dampened further with an offside ruling after Dragan Vasic - Kojic's replacement - had the ball in the net in the 18th minute.

Five minutes later Makedonia scored its second when Gary Ward was given too much room in the penalty area to meet Brown's cross, and rode a tackle before packing the ball away.

Footscray's only real scoring chance for the rest of the half came from Mendo Ristovski, whose shot from outside the box rattled the crossbar.

Preston continued to have the upper hand after the break but the pace slowed.

J.U.S.T. frustrated the Makedonia attack with offside tactics and on the two occasions they were beaten 'keeper Boland came out to block shots by Ward and Alan Whittle.

At the other end Steve Potter, playing against his former side, pulled off good saves from Ristovski and Simic.

Scorer: Billy Williamson (75th)

Cautions: Deunt (65th)

Referee: Dave Nugent

Venue: Perry Park.

LIONS L. Lovndes 8, McKinnim 7, Bennett 7, Ferris 7, Niven 8, Atmore 8, Vincenzino 7, Connor 7, Iman 7, Daut 7, (Ogden 75th) Williamson 7.

CITY: Pozzano 7, McVeigh 7, Liddell 8, Hermiston 7, Tokost 7, Pelinkas 6, Pimlott 8, Vincenzino 7, Connor 7, Bohan 8, Carey 7.

Billy Williamson got back on the goal trail to successfully begin Lions' defence of the Phillips Cup against Brisbane City.

Williamson, who only got back into the Lions team last weekend after being dropped the previous week to make way for guest player Alan Sunderland, curled a shot wide of City keeper Tony Pezzano in the 75th minute to give the holder a keenly fought 1-0 win.

Brisbane City could well have considered itself unlucky not to have forced extra time at least as it produced a fighting performance with a makeshift team. City lost two players through suspension and Steve Perry with an ankle injury.

The former two times winner of the cup had been clearcut scoring chances. One was a Joe Palinkas shot which was stopped at the last minute by a great Paul Burns tackle and the other a Peter Carey attempt which was brilliantly saved.

Lions also missed two other attempts, one a Sunderland header onto the crossbar and another a Bobby Ferris shot which was saved.

Frank Pimlott, who blotted out Sunderland, Bevan Bohan and Frank Liddell were particularly strong for City while

Wollongong 1 Syd. City 5

Scorers: O'Connor (W), Krimina 2, Lee 2, Borges (SC).

Venue: Corral Memorial Park.

Crowd: barely 500.

Referee: Doug Rennie R.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6, Willis 7, Vlietstra 8, Dunleavy 8, Ainsworth 6 (Morlando 55th), Adam 7, Fleming 6, Gaffney 6, P. Tredinnick 6, Cotton 6, O'Connor 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Ahearn 7, Mullin 7, Robertson 7, Cant 6, Bruce 6, Perkins 7, Morale 6, Borges 6, Watson 9, Kosmina 8, Lee 7.

PSL champion Sydney City strolled into the second round of the Phillips Cup with a convincing win over luckless Wollongong.

Both teams were locked at 1-1 during the interval, in the second half Sydney City proved much more purposeful in front of goal during a game dominated by driving rain and defensive blunders.

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Charlie Yankos

APIA 5 Olympic 3

Scorers: Bradley, Burrows, Giampolo, McBrean, Soper (APIA), Jennings, Redfern, Gavin (O).

Referee: Pratten Park.

Crowd: about 1,000.

Referee: Tim Davies R.

CAUTIONS: McAusland, Pullen (APIA).

APIA: Parks 9, Carter 7, McAusland 7, Bradley 6, Pullen 8, Skellern 7, de Ceglie 8 (Soper 79th), McBrean 7, Burrows 7, Butler 8, Giampolo 8.

OLYMPIC: Meier 6, Coady 6, Scott 7, Rogers 6, Phillips 8, K. Wilson 7, Redfern 8, Rasopoulos 6, Koussas 6 (Gavin 70th), Kotholos 7, Jennings 7.

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Jeff Oliver

Marshall Soper scored in the last minute to take it 5-3 and his goal told the story of this match. An attempted back-pass stuck in the mud: In nipped Soper and that was that.

Canberra 3 St George 2

Scorers: Gibson, I. Stone, Reis (C), Slater, Marton (StG).

Venue: Bruce Stadium.

Crowd: 1,800.

Referee: Bob Meo R.

CANBERRA: Kosowicki 7, Ontong 7 (Reis 67th), T. Byrne 8, Milovanovic 7, Ambrosio 7, I. Stone 7, Purdie 7, Gibson 7, McLaren 7.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7, Sken 7, Terry 7, Rylands 7, Ratcliffe 7, Koritar 8, Griffith 7, P. Stone 7, Slater 8, Duarte 7, Marton 8.

Canberra's hero was young substitute Alan Reis who scored the winning goal right on full time.

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Fawcner set to sign Bozikas



Andy Bozikas (second from right), scoring for Heidelberg Alexander in a PSL clash with Brisbane Lions.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

FAWKNER 1 (B. Sabidussi)
90th BOX HILL 0

FAWKNER: Tardif 1, Petrov 8, Gooney 8, Fattore 8, Polito 2, B. Sabidussi 7, C. Sabidussi 7, Macleod 7, Curcija 10 — Tuffield 8, Anselma 8.

BOX HILL: Morgan 8 — McLeod 7, Brownlie 8, Lawler 8, Roodhouse 7 — Hughes 6, Gabelson 6, Ramos 9 — Vercchia 7, Patterson 7, Taylor 7.

Barclay beaten at last

AJAX 2 (Macleod 2)
(RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1)
(van Leuwerden)

AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 7, Connell 7, Vassallo 7 — Grechen 6 (Hogben 52nd 7), Bennett 7 (Morrey 70th), Williams 7 — Macleod 8, Smallman 6, Paul Lewis 6.

WILHELMINA: Barclay 9 — Pasman 7, Brooks 7, O'Riley 7, Verriera 7 — Heyland 6, Gibson 6, van Leuwerden 6, Stewart 8 — Carroll 7, Trent 6.

Ajax must have regretted not signing Ken Barclay as the tall Wilhelmina keeper managed to get a hand, a foot, a leg, an arm or any part of his body to the ball, time and again denying the league leader at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan revealed after the match that Barclay had written to Ajax from overseas and was keen to join Ajax wasn't that responsive but Wilhelmina was and it now boasts one of the best keepers in the league.

Wilhelmina's ultra defensive attitude almost paid dividends. Scores were tied until the 86th minute when Gus Macleod scored the more crucial of his two goals.

Macleod's first goal came in the 10th minute. Barclay took a short goalkick to Dave Brooks who didn't play the ball back firmly enough. In darted Macleod to slip the ball past the stranded Barclay and make it 1-0.

Right on half time the visitors stunned the home team when young midfielder Gary van Leuwerden unleashed a cracking drive from just inside the area which sent the ball whistling past Lou Denys.

Ajax pounded the Wilhelmina goal in the second half and looked destined to be thwarted by the heroics of Barclay.

Paul Lewis burst through but his shot deflected off Barclay's foot then a minute later it's Lewis again. This time he heads straight into Barclay's arms. David Hogben, a 52nd minute replacement for Kit Grechen, decides to try to break the deadlock. He thumps the ball toward the far post but amazingly Barclay not only tops it going in he also clasps it cleanly with one grab.

Barclay finally succumbed four minutes from time. Bill Morrey's cross from the left was headed by Peter Lewis onto the post. Big Macleod hammered in the rebound and the league leader had got home 2-1.

Having displaced Box Hill at the top of the ladder, Fawcner expected to sign Andy Bozikas from Heidelberg-Alexander as we went to Press.

And Joe Piccone is expected from Sydney this week. However, the Marconi midfielder still has a back injury and will see a specialist in Melbourne before Fawcner finalises the \$1000 loan agreement with Marconi.

Bozikas watched Fawcner beating Box Hill at Jukes Road last Saturday and said afterwards that he wanted to join the club.

"I know many of the players here, and I like the atmosphere. It is an ambitious club which obviously is going places," he said.

Bozikas is transfer listed at \$7500, along with Jimmy Rooney, Ken Taylor and Tom Tasevski.

He can play in midfield or on the wing — even as sweeper if he has to. That's where he played in 1976.

Fawcner achieved its victory with a goal only five seconds from the end of injury time.

Rajko Curcija, who had an incredible game, belted a shot onto the crossbar and Bruno Sabidussi nipped in to poke the ball into the net on the rebound.

Triumph for Fawcner; bitter disappointment for Box Hill.

Fawcner had been clearly the better team in the first half but after the interval, Box Hill was thwarted only by some excellent goalkeeping from Rob Terzini.

Back to that first half though. Box Hill has Andy Hughes to thank for keeping Fawcner out in the 22nd minute. The defence had failed to clear a good cross by Bruno Sabidussi, but with goalkeeper Graham Morgan beaten, Hughes was on the goal line to block the ball as Ian Tuffield tried to tap it in.

Curcija shot just past the far post, with Morgan stretching, then Morgan saved an angled shot by Anselma whose strong run had brought him past big Don Brownlie.

But the Hillmen's closest shave came only a minute from half time. Chris Petrov won the ball strongly in midfield as the Box Hill defenders were moving out. Petrov passed it quickly to Curcija on the left, Morgan came out to narrow, the angle, and Curcija's shot grazed the top of the bar!

But it was Fawcner's turn to defend after half time. Indeed, left back Polito made a match-saving clearance in the 58th minute by jumping in front of Vercchia who was awaiting a square ball from Patterson.

Carlo Sabidussi also saved Fawcner by slotting into the goal area for a desperate clearance after a cross had beaten Terzini who was out too far.

Then came the most spectacular move of the match. Carlo Sabidussi lobbed the ball down the line on the right. Tuffield headed it on for himself, beat of his opponent, and crossed into the middle where Anselma, with an acrobatic overhead kick, sent the ball whistling narrowly over the bar.

Pedro Ramos, the best of the Box Hill midfielders, and certainly the most skilful, wasn't far off with a 25 metre drive, before Scott Patterson barged his way through the defence to face Terzini.



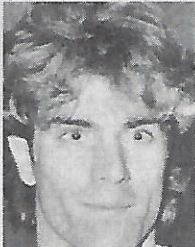
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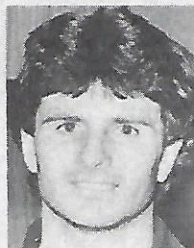
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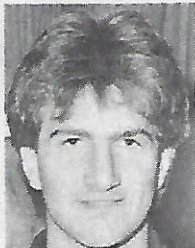
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Rob Terzini



Bruno Sabidussi



Cesare Fattore

Patterson was in full flight. He had to score! But no, Terzini spread himself and stopped Patterson's shot.

Cesare Fattore, a tower of strength in Fawcner's defence, hurt his leg while making a powerful clearance, and Fawcner was reduced to 10 men for five minutes while Fattore received treatment on the sidelines.

Just after Fattore had come back onto the pitch, Terzini made another brilliant save, this time from Vercchia.

At the other end, Tuffield made anyone else to meet a cross from the left where Curcija had done all the work. Tuffield was so high that his header went way over the bar before he himself crashed into the net.

Ten minutes to go and it was anyone's game. Petrov flashed into the play again, finding Anselma with a good forward pass. Anselma turned quickly and shot. He had both arms half up, anticipating a goal, but no. It hit the bottom of the post.

Best: Nth Dand: Kerr, Wright, Taylor, Eltham: M. Cirka, Kenna, Hadzic, Briggs.

NUNAWADING 2 (Henkel, van Egmond Jr 60th)
MORNINGTON 1 (Runje pen. 15th)

NUNAWADING: van Egmond Jr 5, P. Muller 7 (Brown 80th), Moyle 6, Kopic 6, Gascio 7, Horner 6, H. Muller 6, Owen 7, Paulant 6, van Egmond Jr 8, Henkel 8.

MORNINGTON: Robson 7 — Dado 6, Adams 6, Cairns 5, Sdrup 6, Lines 5, Jones sent off 15th, Martinovic 5, Waugh 5, Runje 7, Rowe 5.

Mornington went into the lead with a penalty by Runje after he had been pushed, but its chances of winning were

minimised when Jones was sent off over dissent after earlier having been shown the yellow card.

Mornington defended well with 10 men but could not stop a blistering 20-metre volley by Greg Henkel in the 55th minute.

Nick van Egmond Jr wrapped it up for Nunawading five minutes later with a goal from close range.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Knox City v BOX HILL; FRANKSTON PINES v Altuna Gate Vardar; Kew City v Richmond.

Sunday: FAWKNER v Altuna City; Moorab v Western Sabidussi (Urnal); Clavin v BELL PARK; DONCASTER ROVERS v Keilor Australia.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: MELBOURNE v Preston Melbourne; BROADMEADOWS v Dandenong City; Heidelberg Roodhouse v ANDER; ST ALBANS DRAMON v Spotsylvania City; RINGWOOD LTD SERBIA v Haldenburgh Alexander; WAVERLEY v 5th Melb Morrell; WEIRBEE v Footscray JUST.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: PORT MELBOURNE v Colong; Corio v ELTHAM; RTH DANDENONG v Thornesville Brighton v PHARMAN; YALLOURN v Mornington; NUNAWADING CITY v Royal Richmond; Kayborough v SUNBURY LTD.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: MORRISON v Henty Rangers; ESSENDON TRIESTINA v Chelsea; CAULFIELD v Monash Uni; Rosedale v Sandringham (Urnal); MORRISBANK v Nth Geelong; GEELONG v 5th Colong; FERNETTES GULLY v Grendonburgh.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: EAST BRUNSWICK v Carlton; CLAYTON v Melton-Langwarrs v Ballarat (Urnal); Laker Uni v KADIBAL; V. 30, St. Yara v HAWKESBURY; Nunawading Uni v SHEPPARTON CITY; ROSARNA v Newthorn.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: MALVERN CITY v Clifton Hill; Moe Uni v YARRAVILLE CENTRAL CITY v Ruyter; Berwick v BULLER; MORRISBANK v Sandwick City; ABBOTSFORD TESSA v West Melbourne; Kipston v CAMBOURNE.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: STH DANDENONG v Cheltenham; UNI OF MELBOURNE v Midland; HAMPTON WANDERERS v Monash Parks; ALTONA LTD v Moorab; DALLAS CITY v West Brunswick; CLAYTON v West Geelong; BURNLEY v Brunswick City.

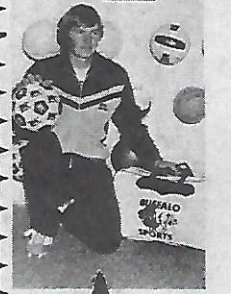
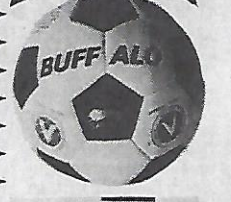
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AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sunday: Lennox Uni v HSSA LTD; Mowbray Park v VICTORIA POST; INSTITUTE v Melbourne Uni; BALCLAVA v Midland Uni; Bundoora v BALWIN CITY; PARKMORE v Endeavour Hills; MACCABE HANAH v Cheltenham.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: KODORO RANGERS v West Uni; WESTALL v Epping; St Bernard v CONCORD; MILL PARK v Murrumbidgee; Danden v RAFF MELBOURNE; DIAMOND CREEK v Waverley Uni; GEELONG LTD v Royal Melb Institute.

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH EAST
Sunday: FRANKTON PARK v BOX HILL; MORRISON v Clayton.

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Rockdale host Blacktown, Melita finds the target

Croatia and Riverwood drew at King Tomislav Park to remain at No.1 and No.2 respectively on the State League table. In fact this draw provided Blacktown Demons with an ideal opportunity to jump into the second place having to play the last placed Rockdale Ilinden.

However, Rockdale, with the new coach at the helm gave a much improved showing and managed to hold Blacktown at the Gabble taking away one point. This helped Rockdale get off the bottom of the table.

Manly Warringah, the early leaders of the competition, were on the brink of defeat at Cromer Park, but managed to score in

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

the last minute of the match with JM United, through Lock and not only keep fourth position, but keep an undefeated record at Cromer Park for the '82 season intact.

Cantbury led Avale through a dubious penalty decision, converted by Titilas, but never looked good enough to win, and in fact were lucky to get away with a point and keep fifth place.

Then, "out of the blue" came Melita Eagles with an effortless win over Bankstown at Melita Stadium. Following their rowdy encounter with Blacktown Demons, the previous week, Melita has finally come to grips with

their shooting boots scoring three goals and sounding a warning to Manly Warringah, the side they are to play next week at Cromer Park.

Should Melita beat Manly in that game, then they'll be separated by only four points from Manly and with 11 rounds to go still in with a fair chance of getting into the top four.

Auburn continued its good run by getting its fourth straight win to get into the middle of the table, safe from the murky waters at the bottom of the League.

Their success is largely due to some fine work by Mark Holloway who appears to be their match winner. In the last four games, Holloway has scored winning goals on three occasions.

With six clubs already vying for the top four spots, this promises to be the tightest battle for honors yet.

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With four minutes to go and the game "destined" for yet another draw, Holloway raced forward and after beating a couple of players shot past Kalinoski, who managed to get a touch but not stop the ball from entering the net.

Auburn's win carries this young and enthusiastic side into the fifth week without a loss. In fact, the last five rounds have brought nine points to the side lifting it out of the relegation zone for the time being.

Polonia, slightly the better team during the first half, scored their goal after 14 minutes through Scott Dickson, but never looked like winners despite some nice touches in midfield. Their negative approach to the game has netted them only 10 goals after 14 outings, and only two goals out of the last six matches.

Much of the burden in the side is carried by Kalinoski and Gales at the back and Scott Dickson up front.

Auburn 2 Polonia 1

Scorers: Allan, Holloway (Aub), Dickson (Pol).

AUBURN: Walker, Quigley, Prigmore, Peters, Hardwick, Etwell, Jones, Dale, Allan, Holloway, Carney.

POLONIA: Kalinoski, Divani, Goble, Gross, Gales, Gerlowski, Sooska, Wisniewski, Sobosky, (Smith TG), Ched, Dickson.

Mark Holloway, Auburn's top goalscorer with five goals to date this season was the hero of the match at Mona Park providing the telling pass which led to the equaliser and scoring the winning goal minutes from the end.

His general play was on par with Auburn's best, Wesley Etwell and Ricky Dale, while his front running had Polonia's defence in considerable

Manly Warr 1 JM United 1

Scorers: Lock (MW), Sheridan (JMU).

MANLY: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Wilson, Goughan, Jack, Noe, P. Falconer, Lock, Regan, Stuart (Frost 76).

JM UNITED: Caputo, Francis, Santolin, Brown, McGready, Truella, Link, McLeod, Sheridan, Vales, Haywood.

Manly slipped in its quest for the top in the NSW State League following a draw with JM United at Cromer Park. In fact it was JMU who put its nose in front and led almost to the end, conceding a goal in the dying seconds of this match.

The home side kept its unbeaten record at Cromer after Garry Lock followed a cross by Fox to tuck it home from close range. Some 10 minutes earlier Fox volleyed against the crossbar from a cross by Regan but those apart, Manly did very little to beat Caputo.

David Jack managed a shot midway during the first half that looked a goal all the way, but just grazed the crossbar on its way over.

Manly appeared to have the better of the proceedings for most of the match but could not do much to penetrate the well organised defence of JMU.

JMU scored first after a long clearance by Heywood saw Sheridan give the side wide Dot on his tail. Ellis came out but appeared to have missed the ball completely allowing Sheridan to tap it home.

Cantbury 1 Avale 1

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To make matters worse for the home side, the visitors' keeper, Beaves, had a great day between the sticks and stopped just about everything the home team could throw at him.

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John Coyne

ming back, particularly in the second half creating no less than four "certs" in front of El Zein but poor shooting let them down, with Gary Milne the biggest culprit missing an open goal from right in front.

Milne was replaced by Eddie Paterson and Avale continued to press on in attack. With 15 minutes remaining Paterson crossed to Vujinovic, but he allowed the ball to go through to Bruce Tilt and El Zein was beaten from some 12 metres away.

Steve Lalic, Avale's coach was furious about the penalty decision which in the end appeared to have taken a point off his side.

"This was the game my players deserved to win. I am still baffled at the referee's decision which gave them the lead. My players must have given him a nasty look for there was no foul inside the area," said Lalic.

Blacktown 0 Rockdale 0

BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Rasmussen (53 Scheinflug), Brown, Polster, Gurney, Selenge, Piovani (63 Gomez), Campbell, Jones, Krato.

ROCKDALE: Beaves, Fraser, Piovani, J. Botticelli, Albanowski, Turskii, Johanson, P. Smith, Travini (60 Graham), A. Botticelli, Morsello.

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Another Budini to hit the heights?

By MANWEL GRIMA

ANITO Budini was lured to Melita Eagles by Sam E. Vella—the eagle-eyed senior team manager.

He was scouted out by Sam last year, when Melita played Polonia thrice. On all three occasions Anito was the only star of a lustrous combination of forwards.

Born in Stanmore, Sydney, 23 years ago, of Italian and Maltese parentage, Anito, one assumes, had little choice in what sporting career he was to follow; his father's influence was too great.

For a number of years, Budini Senior was the president of the very successful junior set-up at Marconi the nursery of names likes Shame, Colusso, Mariani and Richie Williams.

Rale Rasic, no less, had a developing hand in formulating the dangerous skills that Anito now possesses.

Dangerous to be sure, not only to the opposing backs, but also to the poor goalie trying to parry that lethal drive.

Although at the time of writing Anito had played few full games, he humbly admits that he's getting more than a fair go from the coach, Vernon Durvill. "Anyway, I'd rather for the moment be playing 20 minutes alongside a skillful bunch of guys than 90 of non-stop garbage somewhere else."

The mid-season saw an end of an era for the Budini and Polonia as together with Anito, older brother Ricky also left to rejoin Marconi, where he's doing a sterling job guarding the right flank.

Anito is full of praise for the professional set-up at Melita Stadium, which was one thing that brought him here. That and the ever-present Melita following, which he reckons is the most appreciative he's ever played in front of.

Happily married to Donna for the past three years, they have a daughter, Aimee, aged two.

He's looking forward to a season full of new challenges.

As he told us: "I know that by joining the Eagles I couldn't go wrong".

What a waste!

How the great game of soccer goes forward!

Part of the new Blacktown City Youth Development policy, is the fostering of talent in the country centre of Orange and part of that program is inviting three boys to come to the city, live in at the Narrabean Fitness Camp and receive coaching by Rale Rasic, Doug Utjesenovic and David Lee, completely free of charge.

Blacktown City even is responsible for providing local transport and overnight accommodation if necessary.

Sounds great!

Two weeks prior to the proposed camp, The Department of Sports and Recreation, switches the Blacktown City dates at Narrabean so that the squad has to go to the Narrabean Camp on the same dates as the NSW Selected boys squads.

As the boys from Orange cannot accept both dates in the same week, David Lee on 29.4.82, sends a letter to the coaching coordinator of the NSW Amateur Soccer Football Association, Mr Eric Arneill, pointing out this fact and suggesting that the boys still come as Blacktown City's guests and that the State coach, Mr Alan Edmondson, have a look at them while they are in attendance, to see if they are State team material.

This meant that Blacktown City would save Western NSW the cost of three boys and enable three extra boys to be invited to the camp. This was agreeable to Alan Edmondson.

On Thursday 6.5.82, having received no reply to the letter of the 29.4.82, David Lee was surprised when talking to Alan Edmondson about allocating the three now available positions, that Alan had been informed on Tuesday 4.5.82, by Eric Arneill.

"That if the three boys from Orange train with Blacktown City, they are not to be considered for selection in the State team."

Alan and David Lee, were opposed to that idea.

In effect, it stopped the sponsorship of children and also meant that in future years, only boys who attend the camps are eligible for selection to State teams.

Boys might not attend for any number of reasons — financial, sickness, booked holidays etc.

But in future they are all ruled out.

David Lee, unable to believe his ears, then contacted Eric Arneill who verified that this was the decision of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation executive at a meeting on Tuesday night 4.5.82.

David Lee, during the conversation, pointed out that it was not in the best interests of soccer, unconstitutional and an infringement of children's rights.

Mr Arneill said there was nothing he could do. The decision had to stand.

Blacktown City's secretary was then informed and he instructed David to tell the parents of the children from Orange to attend the State camps so as not to jeopardise their playing future and that Blacktown City will have them back in the September and January holidays.

Well so much for encouraging big Sydney clubs to foster football in country centres and so much for the country kids' playing future.

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NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, 19 June

ROCKDALE-BANKSTOWN, St George Stadium.

Sunday 20 June

AVALE-BLACKTOWN, Knight Park.

RIVERWOOD-CANTBURY, Hurstville Oval.

SUTHERLAND-CROATIA, Seymour Shaw.

POLONIA-YUGALI, Hopkin Park.

MANLY-MELITA, Cromer Park.

JMU-AUBURN, Marco Polo.

Jugoslovenska Scena

DESETA NERESENA UTKAMICA JUST-A

Kad se jedan klub bori da zauzme mesto među klubovima Philips Lige, kad je u poslednjem meču svoje snage da se odmahne od opasne zone na tabeli tog takmičenja. U poslednjem meču, ovaj tim ne može da bude gore od onoga što se JUST-u desilo pre nekoliko dana: da mu zbog grane sudijine odluke, u drugom minutu igre protivnik zatresu mrežu.

Sve se odigralo munjevito brzo, pre no što bi čovek mogao igovati — BRITVA. Prvi i nimalo ostar suket Jugo protiv beka sa Alanom Sunderlandom, igračem londonskog Arsenal koji nastupa kao gost igrač za Brisbane Lions, sudija je, na zaprepaštenje svih, ocenio kao faul.

Sunderland je pozorio da ovaj poklon sudije i Fama smešta lovu. Njegovu odluku nabeo su loptu centar gostiju Danny Wright je glavom neodbranljivo poslao u mrežu.

Ovaj gol, postignut iz kazne za prekršaj koga nije bilo, iao da se osuđujevati u talentu i volji da iz Melbourne odnese i ovaj trofej. U vreme nije bilo takso da izvedu iz brzih i opasnih napada. Samo, Just-ova odbrana je napadom odolela, a onda se polako i sigurno preslo u protivnapada. Iz jednog takvog ubrzanog i ucestanog sudiranja na gol Lionsa, 32 minuti igre, odlučnu loptu dopuckao je Rltavski i poslao munjevito u mrežu.

Onda da do kraja poluvremena, smenjivali su se napadi na obema stranama, ali su odbrane bile u višini.

U drugom poluvremenu JUST je imao više od igre i izgledao opasniji tim, ali se rezultat nije izmenio. U tom dolgim intervalu su u dva minuta raspolovile goste. Prvi put kad je koji završeno sprovedo glavom Lulicovu loptu sa krila, a drugi put

kad je Mitrovic sut se twice kazneno prostora prostao prekomu Lionsovog gola.

Za većinu gledalaca najveća je zadovoljstvo moralo biti lakota sa kojim je Justova odbrana izlazila na kraj sa engleskim profesionalcem Sunderlandom, koji se istinski trudio da svome timu bude od koristi. Ne kraju, timu nije polazilo za rukom. A kad je zasluzeno dobili i zuti karton igračima se promenio plesak. Bila je to jedina odluka sudije. Fama sa kojom se publika zalepla.

Cela utakmica je bila i ziva i brza i tepe. Brisbane Lions je u prvom poluvremenu imao nešto više od igre ali je zato JUST definitivno bio bolji poela odnora, kad je, sa malo više srca i malo boljeg sudijina — mogao da osveti oke boda.

U JUST-u nije bilo slabih mesta. Pred kraj igre Simic je zamenio Rltavskog na zato što ovaj nije bio dobar, nego zato što se milalo da sve igrač može dati više od sebe. To je leto učinio i Lions kad je u igru, nekako iz leta vreme, ubacio Mil-Imana.

U JUST-u je sigurno da se da Haz-ahent, Belic, Luki i Kondorac su njanu bili bolji od ostalih, kao što su kod dobrih gostiju i tako toklo ot- Kvalita i Kvalita, Nienenti i Ne Skimpering.

Za sudiju Fama-PREDNOST U "FUTBALU" je (poluvremena 2:1).

Sluaci sa Lijemom kad prelati kroz protivničkih igrača koji ga jedan za drugim fauliraju i za njim padaju, i kad se slobodan kreće prema голу da ga pišak pištaljke zaustavi, bio je školski primer ostavne evaku su- Lulicova dana. Takve kardinalne greške doživljavamo jednako, iz godine u godinu, od jednih pa jednih sudija, i nije čudo što se pitamo: zar VSF stvarno nije u stanju da stvori h- ekolika novit i boljih sudija VEC čista ne godini?

U 11. minutu VSF-e JUST završio Sander South. Helias-e Predne subote JUST je savladao South Melbourne Helias-e sa rezultatom 2:0 (poluvremena 0:0).

Utakmica je bila brza, ziva, čista i lepa. Izgledalo je da će se završiti

biz golove sve do desetak minuta pred kraj, iako je JUST celog dana i izgledao i bio bolji tim.

Ipak, u zadnjih desetak minuta igre, dva brava Karica, Tom i Ivica, izveli su po jednim golom realni sa utakmicu u JUST-ovu korist.

Za zaleplje je ovo napetost JUST-a ne dozate na ove utakmice. Mladici igraju odista sa voljom, sa pozuravanjem a u timu redovno igraju po trojica verifikiranih igrača Philips Lige koji te n edele nisu u JUST-ovom starijem timu (je prava je steta što VSF dozvoljava samo toliki broj igrača za ove timove).

Ne ove utakmice dolaze skoro svi igrač koji te nedelje nastupaju za tim Philips Lige. Oni svojim priustvom, a najčešće i koriscim savetima, pomazu mladima da se razviju u bolje i vrednije igrače.

Saveti je sigurno da će bas iz ovoga time JUST-u imati da dodje zamene za nekoliko igrača kojima volena noleni — prestajni povlacenje sa zelenog polja u tako dalekoj budućnosti.

Napisi, Stojeković i Curvovic nisu navodili u Philips Ligi a talentovane mladice kao što su, recimo, Bilovic, Stofa, mladji Stojeković itd., videcimo u Justovom najboljem timu mada ne pre no što sada neliemo.

Predigori ovaj utakmici rezervu JUST-a savladala je rezervu gostiju sa rezultatom 3:1 (poluvremena 2:1).

TESKA UTKAMICA OMLADINACA ISPOD 10 GODINA

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**ΠΡΟΤΑΓΗΓΡΙΑ Α' ΓΥΡΟΥ Η ΔΟΞΑ
ΝΙΚΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΝ ΣΕΝΤΡΑΛ ΣΤΙΤΣ 3-1**

ΣΕΒΥΤΣ 4 ΒΑΘΜΟΥΣ ΜΠΡΟΣΤΑ

Νέα νίκη πέτυχε η δόξα Γιάνναβιλ για το πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας του Προβελίου ναλ Αήγκ επί της Σεντραλ Σίτυ εκτός έδρας 3-1 και με την λήξη του Α' Γύρου είναι καθιστά στην 1η θέση με 4 βαθμούς δι' αφορά από την δεύτερη Μπουλν' και 5 από το Κλάρτον Χιλ και το Άμπορφορντ. Στο μικρό γήπεδο του Κόμο Πάρκ η πρωτοπόρος βγήκε από τα αποδυτήρια με το τέρμα που πέτυχε με την σέντρα που έγινε. Ήταν μία ενέργεια του Νίκου Μελέτη από άριστερα που τροφώδισε τον Χίτα ο οποίος με γωνιακό σουτ έφτιαξε το 1-0. Στην συνέχεια η γηπεδούχος πήρε το κέντρο και πέρασε την δόξα χωρίς όμως αποτέλεσμα.

Στο Β' μέρος και στο 57' ο παράξενος διαιτητής έδωσε ένα ανύπαρκτο πέναλτυ εις βάρος της δόξας που μάλλον ήταν φανταστικό από την περιοχή και μάλιστα ύπερ των άμυντικών της μετέπειτα νικήτριας. Το πέναλτυ κτύπησε ο Νικόλαος που ήταν και ο καλύτερος παίκτης της Σεντραλ μόνοντας το 1-1.

Στο 62' μπαίνει στον αγώνα ο νεοαποκτηθείς Στήβ Φακρίδας ο οποίος άλλαξε δρόμο το παιχνίδι και δίνει νέα πνοή στην δόξα που δεν άργει να πετύχει το 2-1 μετά από προσπάθεια του Ν. Μελέτη και με έκτε λαστή τον Πάτ Πετρίδη.

Ήσυνέχεια ήταν εύκολη για την δόξα που στο 73' ο Φακρίδας με σουτ που βρήκε πόδι αντίπαλου πρώτα, κατέληξε για τρίτη φορά στα δόντια της Σεντραλ Σίτυ. Μετά το 3-1 η δόξα έχασε καλές ευκαιρίες για μεγαλύτερο σκορ ένα τρομερό σουτ του Νικόλαου απέκρουσε φανταστικά ο τερματοφύλακας της Σίτυ στο 88'.

Από την νίκη τρία οί παίκτες της έπαιξαν με όσην και πήραν δίκαια την νίκη.

Σταθερός μετά το πρώτο Ισολέτο ο γκολκίπερ Νίκος 'Αποστολίδης και με μια θαυμάσια απόκριση στο ενεργητικό του.

Με καλή απόδοση οι άκραιοι Μπάρκ Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου και Ντ. 'Αποστολίδης.

Στο κέντρο της άμυνας οι Δημητρίου και Τόννης 'Αμανατίδης ήταν εγγύηση με το άπλο τους παιχνίδια και περιόρισαν στο έλαχιστο τον Νικόλαο.

Οι μέσοι Νικόλαϊδης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου και Καλιπολίτης έτρεξαν παντού και ξεχώρισαν περισσότερο στο Β' μέρος.

Η επίθεση της δόξας για μία ώρα μόνη φορά ήξερε τί ζητούσε μέσα σ' αυτόν αγωνιστικό χώρο.

Με έξυπνες αλλαγές, με γρήγορες πάσες, με σουτ είναι δίκαια η καλύτερη επίθεση του πρωταθλήματος.

Νίκος Μελέτης, Πάτ Πετρίδης, Στήβ Χίτας και ο Στήβ Φακρίδας είναι κεφάλαιο για την δόξα.

Τέλος ο 'Αθας Τσαμπάκης που μπήκε στον αγώνα στο 65' μετά από απουσία δύο αγωνιστικών, ήταν δυνατός και με όρεξη.

Η σύνθεση της δόξας: Ν. 'Αποστολίδης, Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Ντ. 'Αποστολίδης, Φ. Δημητρίου, Τ. 'Αμανατίδης, Α. Νικόλαϊδης, Μ. Καλιπολίτης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Σ. Χίτας, Πάτ Πετρίδης, Ν. Μελέτης.

Στο 62' ο Στήβ Φακρίδας πήρε την θέση του Χίτα και στο 65' ο 'Αθας Τσαμπάκης πέρασε στην θέση του Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου.

Για την συνάντηση ο γενικός αρχηγός της δόξας κ. 'Αλέκος Σολακίδης μας είπε: 'Δίκαια η δόξα πήρε την νίκη. Η απόκτηση του Στήβ Φακρίδα θα λύσει πολλά προβλήματα στην ομάδα μας. Μπράβο σε όλα τα παιδιά για την νέα νίκη που χάρισαν στην δόξα'.

Η Β' ομάδα της δόξας νίκησε την αντίστοιχη της Σεντραλ με 2-1. Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Μαρκιάδης και Μαλιγιώ Ρυός. Περίοδος ήταν ο γκολκίπερ Κώστας Γκιώτας που απέκρουσε και πέναλτυ.

ΝΕΑ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΙΤΣ

Συνεχίζοντας το σερί των επιτυχιών του το Μάλβερν Σίτυ νίκησε και το Κάνυτον εκτός έδρας με 5-0 και πέρασε στην 5η θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακα και είναι 3 βαθμούς πίσω από το δεύτερο Μπουλν'. Η ελληνική ομάδα παρά το ότι της έλειπαν τέσσερα βασικά στελέχη της, τελικά πήρε την νίκη στο μακρινό Κάνυτον. Στο Α' μέρος προηγήθηκε με 2-0 και στην επανάλωση πέτυχε άλλα τρία τέρματα. Καλύτεροι παίκτες ήταν οι Λιόλιος, Τόμμος και Σκαμνίγκας.

Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Λιόλιος 3 και Σκαμνίγκας 2.

Ήταν οι Μανέβ, Παπαδόπουλος, Βλάχος, (46' Σταθόπουλος), Σαματζής, Πετρόπουλος, Τσίμπος, Γεωργιάδης, Μαυρίδης, Σκαμνίγκας, Λιχόβρης, Λιόλιος (αρχηγός).

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 6-0 και με γκολ των Πέλιου 2, Μήσελ 2, Δοκού και Γεωργιάδη (116).

ΕΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΟΚΛΗ 3-0

Με μία μεγάλη νίκη επί του Φ. Γκάλλν με σκορ στην έδρα του 3-0 τελείωσε το 'άλη της δόξας ο οποίος γύρισε που το βρήκε στην 1η θέση και με υποφερτότητα για τον τίτλο του πρωταθλήματος της Α' του Μετροπόλιταν.

Η ελληνική ομάδα ήταν ανώτερη σε όλο το διάστημα και με λίγη προσοχή θα μπορούσε να είχε πετύχει μεγαλύτερο σκορ. Ο Κοντοκόστας πέτυχε το πρώτο τέρμα στο 25' και στο 57' ο Τζιτζής έφτιαξε το 2-0 για να κλείσει το σκορ ο Παπασιός στο 78'.

Ήλωση σουτ του Νταντάλια βρήκε το δοκάρι.

Από την πρωτοπόρο κυανόλευκη ομάδα δεν διστάρησε κανένας.

Εξχώρισαν οι Στεργίου, Παπασιός και ο Τζιτζής.

Ήταν οι Πέτρος, Νταντάλια, Πεχλιβανίδης, Κριβάρης, Λουκάς, Γ. Καμπυλάκης, Κοντοκόστας, (80' Κριτογιάννης), Κιάκος, (46' Β. Καμπυλάκης), Τζιτζής, Στεργίου και Παπασιός.

Δέν αγωνίστηκαν οι Νικατιμίο και Λουκάς που είναι τραυματισμένοι.

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε με 3-0. Το δάβατο το 'άλη αγωνίζεται πάλι εκτός έδρας με το Τζιτζή.

ΤΙ ΠΑΡΑ ΗΑΝΤ ΑΙΟ ΤΟΝ ΓΙΑΝΕΛΑΟ;

Μία ακόμη ήττα γεύθηκε η 'Ελλάς στο πρωτάθλημα του Φίλιπς Λήγκ και πέρασε προς τον πάτο του βαθμολογικού πίνακα.

Η ήττα ήλθε από την 'Ελλάς Αδαλίδας και ήταν συνέχεια της ήττας του Γούλντ γογκ. Δύο βρομάδες λοιπόν με Ισάριμες ήττες και όπως φάνηκε ο μεγάλος Ντόχερτν δεν μπόρεσε να κάνει τίποτα.

Ήταν κάτι που το περιμέναμε γιατί κανένας τεχνικός δεν είναι μάγος όταν δεν έχει έμφυχο όπλο.

Και τώρα τι γίνεται; Το Δ. Συμβούλιο της 'Ελλάς για να σώσει τα δικά του λάθη έφαγε τον Γιαννέλο και πήρε τον πολυέξοφο Ντόχερτν που όπως βλέπουμε δεν έχει κάνει τίποτα πάρα πάνω.

Ήτσι τώρα βρέθηκε και η πιο εύκολη λύση: Θά φύγει στην 'Αγγλία ο Ντόχερτν για να φέρει παίκτες. Μά εδω που τά λημε και ο Γιαννέλος να ήταν στο πόστο του άν του έφερναν παίκτες από την 'Αγγλία θά πήγαμε η 'Ελλάς καλά και δεν θά γινόνταν τόση άνωμαλία και τόσα έξοδα για τον Ντόχερτν που άπορούμε πώς θά τά βγάξει πέρα το ταμείο της 'Ελλάς.

Εύχη μας είναι να πάνε όλα καλά γιατί διαφορετικά....

Jim Armstrong starts Hellas schoolboys cup

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Pappas has appointed former star striker Jim Armstrong as co-ordinator of the inaugural South Melbourne Open Schoolboys Cup.

The 1982 cup winning school receives \$1000 towards its sports fund and a magnificent trophy. Winner and runner-up medals will be presented to players from both finalists. There are 17 schools participating, nine in group A and eight in group B. The top two in each group advance to the semi-finals. The semi-finals and final will be held at curtain raisers to Hellas's last three PSL home games this season.

Group A comprises St John's College (Baysbrook), St Paul's (Altona), CBC (North Melbourne), De la Salle (Malvern), Parade College (Bundoora), Salesian College (Chadstone), St Bedes (Mentone), St Bernards (Essendon) and CBC (St Kilda).

Group B comprises Aquinas College (Ringwood), Mount Lilydale College (Lilydale), St Josephs (Ferntree Gully), Mount Scopus (Burwood), Materiel College (Mulgrave), White Friars College (Donvale), St Leo's (Box Hill), and Huntingtower College (Glen Waverley).

Group A has played two rounds of games and group B matches start today (Wednesday).

Participating schools requiring further information on the cup can contact Jim Armstrong at work on 890.0677 or at home on 378.8197.

Group A results:
Round One: St Johns 3 Parade 1, St Pauls 3 CBC St Kilda 2, De la Salle 3 Salesian 3, St Bedes 1 St Bernards 0.

Round Two: St Pauls 5 Parade 3, CBC Nth Melb 2 St Johns 0, St Bernards 2 CBC St Kilda 3, St Bedes 5 Salesian 1.

GROUP A TABLE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Bedes	2	2	0	0	1	4	4
St Pauls	2	0	0	2	5	4	0
CBC St Kilda	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
CBC St Kilda	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
St Johns	1	0	1	0	3	1	1
De la Salle	1	0	1	0	3	1	1
Salesian	2	0	1	1	4	1	1
St Bernards	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Parade	2	0	0	2	4	0	0

Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" hat-trick diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup, interstate, or official school match. Friendly games do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:
1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more)
2. His age, and the team for which he plays

3. The team against which he scored the goals
4. Date of the game

5. An address to which to send the certificate (Please use ONE address per club - secretary, coach, team manager or similar official, who will hand the certificates out to the boys)

Send the information to "Soccer Action" 600 Little Lonsdale Street, MELBOURNE Vic. and we will forward the certificates free of charge.

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:
Matthew Hazell, 12, Heral Besse, 11, four goals (Brentwood Primary School); Darren Pace, 11 (Green Gully); Andrew Johnson, 8, Rodney Nieuwenhuizen, 7, Michael Jensen, 7, Sam Dordevic, 11 (Ferntree Gully); Stev Svagonsvic, 12 (Lyndale United); Freddy Scerri, 12, five goals, Jason Pisan, 12, four goals, Simon Magro, 12 (George Cross); Nicholas Owen, 11 (Glen Waverley); Richard Boiteck, 13, five goals (Albion Rovers); Shane Collette, 8, five goals, Neil Banach, 8, Carlos Castro, 7 (Mitcham); Daniel Decarli, 8, four goals, Rene de Prinsse, 8 (Springvale City); Frank Iseli, 14, six goals, Peter Kara, 14 (Springvale City); Fabian Ingo, 13, Peter Langewald, 9, five goals (North Park Rovers); David D'Angelo, 10, four goals (Fawkner); Paul Babic, 13 (Melbourne Croatia).



Latrobe Valley's under-14 regional squad which was runner-up in the recent country championships at Swan Hill consisted of A. Thornton (manager), D. Foote, M. Hiriak, M. van Oostrom, D. Horton, G. Sultana, B. Carlin, E. Sostak, C. Colantuono, D. Krupa, F. Muendel, R. White, S. Tanti, F. Monacella, T. Thiesling, S. Senas, M. Tanti, D. Myatt.



Ballarat's under-14 regional squad which won the recent country championships at Swan Hill consisted of C. Vanderpol (coach), D. Vernon, M. Doull, C. Beggie, A. Coxall, W. Williams, D. Earles, D. Saunders, P. van der Pol, M. Charles (manager), A. Dobbyn, S. Charles, S. Bentley, P. Hatfield, S. Rowell, J. Charles, G. Banks, J. Jones.



Latrobe Valley's under-13 squad which won the recent country championships at Bendigo consisted of A. Eacott, P. Koppen, G. Farrugia, E. Selegotis, P. Kane, A. Lawson, K. Carly, C. Brown, A. Wilkman, A. Jongs, G. Huizer, J. Kaminski, C. Roland, S. May, D. Mitchell, P. Bezzina, F. Farrugia (coach), C. Koppen (manager).

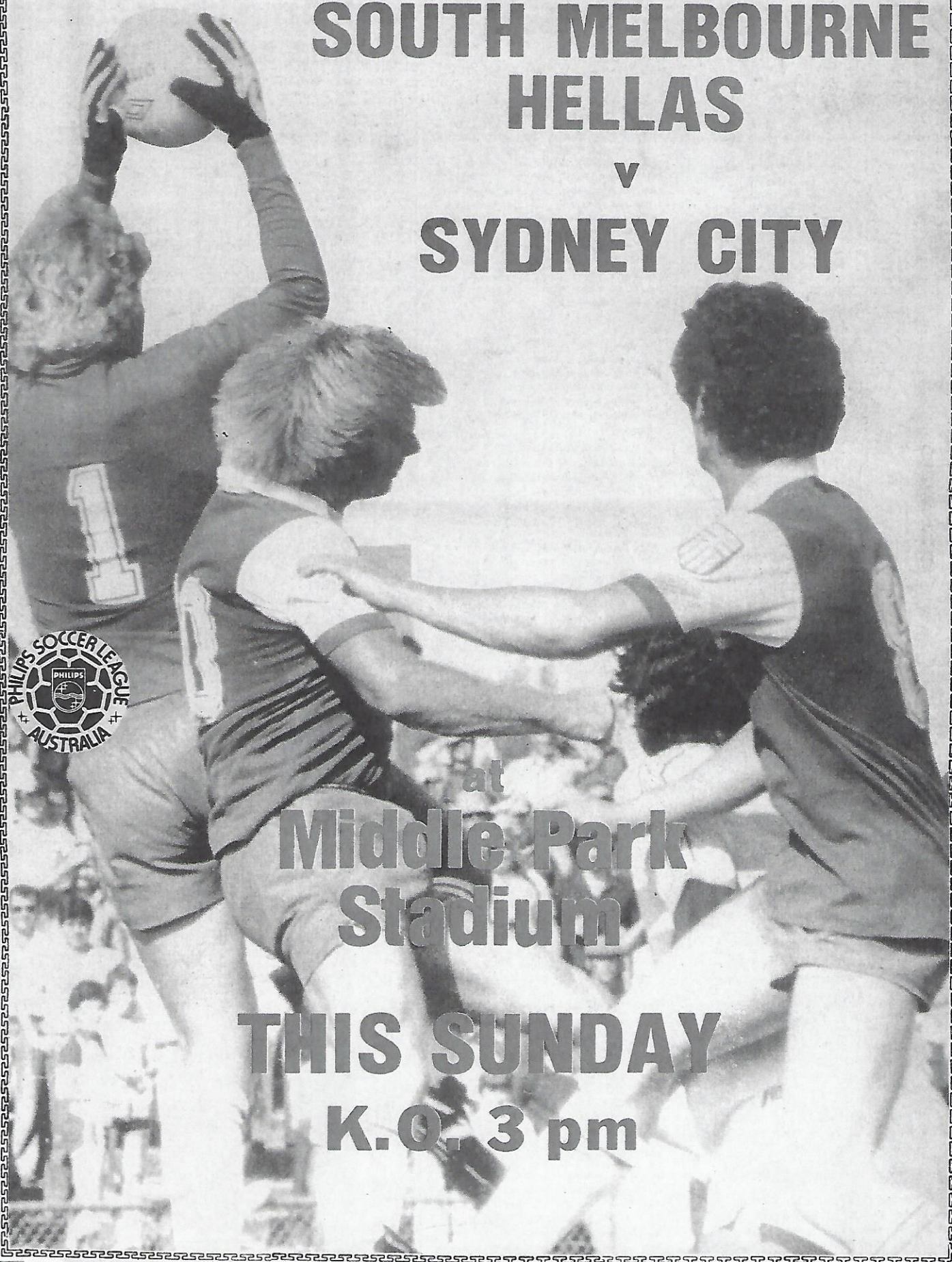
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